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Frost Centre campers will have to pay user fees

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

When outdoor enthusiasts put their canoes into one of the Frost Centre's 60 lakes next summer, they should take a few moments to savour the moment because it will be the last time they'll be able to enjoy such a privilege for free.

Starting in 2006, people who want to canoe through the Centre's 24,000 hectares of prime Ontario wilderness will have to pay a user fee.

That's the only option left to Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, which is about to run out of money to manage the Frost Centre's campsites and portage routes.

The Ministry of Natural Resources recently announced that it will no longer fund Water Trails, a committee which was created by Algonquin Highlands council in 2002 as a way of protecting and preserving the Frost's camping resources.

Algonquin Highlands does not think its ratepayers should have to shoulder the costs on behalf of all residents of Ontario. It doesn't, however, want to abandon the campsites and portage routes, which had fallen into disrepair and posed environmental threats after the MNR said it would no longer be responsible for their upkeep. User fees are seen as the only way to pay for the staff to monitor and manage the campsites in the summer.

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Province holds off on sale of Frost

MARTHA PERKINS
Editor

The Ontario Realty Corporation is in no position to make any move to market the Frost Centre for "at least a year."

In part, this is to give the Frost Centre Working Committee

time to present the government with a viable option for re-opening the natural resources facility south of Dorset.

But the ORC also needs a lot of time to go through the lengthy process of defining just what will be for sale.

"I won't call [the closure of the

Frost Centre in July] a surprise but it wasn't planned this year for disposal," the ORC's Hubert Labelle told the working committee on Tuesday. "There's a lot of work to be done. We would need at least a year to do due diligence before we could market this property. We're not

in a position to put For Sale signs on the property. It's not what we'll be doing. We'll be talking to this group first."

The working committee welcomed the opportunity to ask Hubert, the vice-president

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Choir Messiah conductor Melissa Stephens gives directions to the choir during rehearsal last week at the United Church in Haliburton. Stephens will pass the leadership over to the draw winner of a toonie draw for a guest conductorship during the concert's encore performance. The choir will perform Handel's Messiah on December at the Northern Lights Pavilion.

Gallery still needs to find firmer financial foundation

SHERYL LOUCKS
Staff Reporter

The Rails End Gallery has now been lowered on to its new foundations and sits at the height it will remain.

The Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts held its annual general meeting in its temporary office in the bottom of the Village Barn on Nov. 17. The

meeting, attended by approximately a dozen people, was a brief update on where the Guild is at financially and with the renovation of the gallery.

President Donna Enright says there is good news and bad news on both fronts. The bad news about the gallery is that plans to create program space in the new basement underneath the gallery had to be abandoned

due to costs. Enright says there was no way of knowing this until they raised the building how bad the rot was and how much work needed to be done.

The good news is that the board is extremely excited about raising the railroad tracks and the box car to be even with the raised gallery and using the boxcar as program space.

"We want to permanently

attach the box car to the baggage area of the old station (gallery) and add plumbing to it. We are thinking of bringing natural light in through skylights. We think it'll be fantastic," says Enright.

The Guild wants to create a permanent walk way over to the boxcar. It is also thinking about

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Vandals breaking into vending machines throughout county

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment are investigating numerous thefts that have occurred from area vending machines within the last month.

The suspects in these incidents are targeting vending machines that are outside local businesses within the various villages in the county. The suspects will force their way into the machines, stealing the cash. These thefts have occurred all over the county and are not specific to one area.

Anyone with information on these thefts can call the Smiths Falls Communication Centre at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

Haliburton County Studio Tour 2005

Call to Enter



The Haliburton County Studio Tour has space available and is accepting new applications for this year's tour, Fall 2005.

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- Your art or craft must be original works by the artist. (kits, patterns or reproductions are not acceptable.)
- A resume, portfolio and samples of work must be available for presentation to a committee for jurying.
- For more information please call Debbie Wales, Co-chairperson at 489-3177
- The deadline is Wednesday, December 15th, 2004

Learn history on back of \$50 bill

here, there & everywhere

news and events worth noting

The new \$50 bill comes with its own history-level. On one side is a portrait of former Prime Minister William Lyon Mackenzie King, and on the other is the Famous Five – Emily Murphy, Henrietta Muir Edwards, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby and Louise McKinney – a volunteer award medallion that owners Therese Casgrain, and a quote from the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Mackenzie King introduced social benefits such as unemployment insurance, family allowance and the old-age pension. The Famous Five's legal challenge to the British North America Act enabled women to be recognized as "persons" and, specifically, to be appointed to the Senate. Casgrain was a highly respected champion of social justice and individual rights and the first woman to lead a political party in Quebec. The Declaration of Human Rights was championed by John Peters Humphrey, the first director of the United Nations Human Rights Division. Perhaps more importantly for local business people, the new \$50 bill also has improved anti-counterfeiting features such as a holographic stripe, a watermark portrait, a

windowed colour-shifting thread and a see-through number that are easy to check.

On November 27, the Peterborough Singers present their annual festival of choral music, Yuletide Cheer. Directed by Sydney Birrell, this year's performance features True North Brass and organist Ian Sadler. Tickets are \$22 for adults, \$11 for students and are available by calling 705-745-1820. The concert is at George St. United Church in Peterborough at 7:30 p.m.

If jazz is more your taste, the Kawartha Jazz Society presents Cyrus Chestnut and Wycliffe Gordon at the Market Hall in Peterborough on Sunday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m.. Chestnut is a jazz pianist committed to using jazz to build bridges across races and continents. Joining him is conductor, arranger and educator Wycliffe Gordon. A trombonist, Gordon is a regular member of the Wynton Marsalis Septet. Tickets are \$20 in advance and are available by calling Craig Patterson at 705-745-1870 or Ken Brown at 705-743-8750.

The Boyd Heritage Museum in Bobcaygeon presents The Gallery of Gifts, a prestigious gift show featuring the area's finest artists, from November 30 to December 18. It's at the Bobcaygeon Library.

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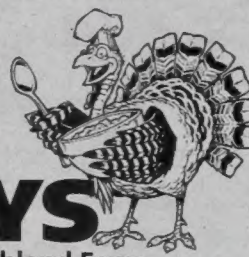
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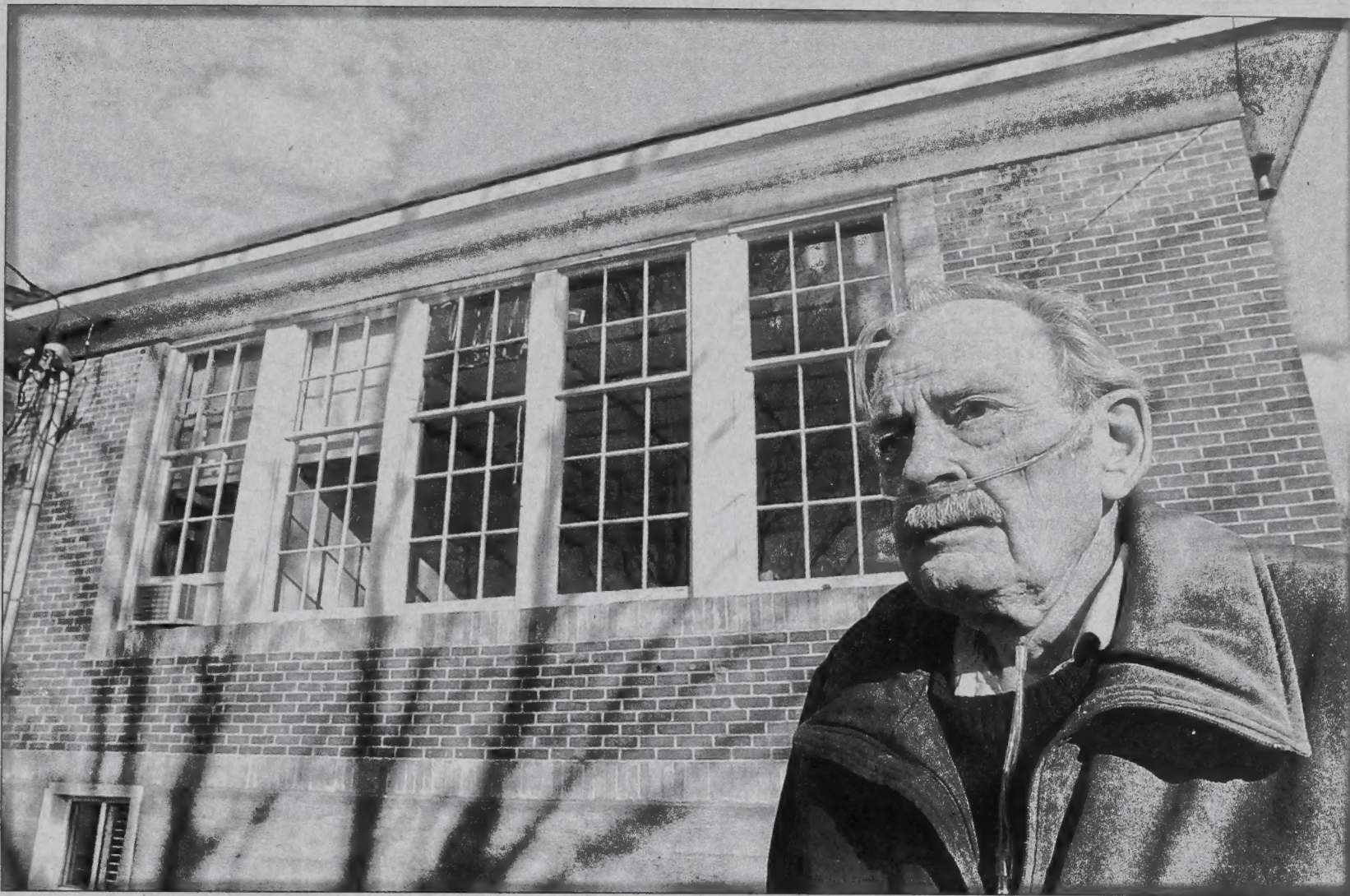
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This school in Canales, Guatemala has few of the basics that Canadians take for granted. Please see the photo page of Living Water's all-Haliburton well-drilling trip on page 36 for details.



Louis Hodgson stands in front of the windows that are the last recognizable details of the old Lakeview high school where he was a student. Its most current owner, Sir Sandford Fleming College, is selling the building.

DARREN LUM/Echo

LESSONS FROM THE PAST

Old Fleming campus has a colourful history

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The hall is quiet and the chalkboards have been wiped clean in the old abandoned school sitting at the sharp bend in Highway 118 a few metres from Head Lake.

The red bricks were assembled in the 1940s in the fashion of Ontario schools at that time. Originally built to be Haliburton Village's first high school, the building has in recent years been known as the Norman Sisco Centre or the Sir Sandford Fleming College Haliburton campus.

Lou Hodgson remembers the community having mixed feelings about the need of the school when it was first erected. There was some suspicion about the usefulness of sending kids to high school when they would be better off working. There was also the excitement of having a local school instead of having to send students to board in Peterborough or Lindsay so they could attend a high school.

"A lot of business people would send their kids to school for \$400 to \$600 a year. It cost about \$20 a week but men were working for a \$100 a month," says Hodgson.

The then-new high school was built on the charred remains of a hotel derisively known as the White Elephant. Hodgson says many local people sunk their savings into shares of the Royal



In 1939 a much younger Lou stands in front of the village's new high school. Some people at the time wondered why Haliburton needed a high school since the teenagers would be better off working. Before the high school was built, students had to board in Lindsay or Peterborough.

Kushog and never received a penny for their investment while the hotel was operating and certainly not after it burned. Hodgson says it was quite a scandal.

The school that followed also created a scandal. It was too small almost from the very beginning. Hodgson describes it as bursting at the seams. He says his Grade 9 class must have had 50 students in it. He has fond memories nonetheless.

"It was a happy school in a lot of ways. For that time we were doing all right,"

he says.

His sister Margaret was one of three students to graduate from the school's first Grade 13 program in 1948. He says it was considered quite the feat to graduate from the program and have an opportunity to go to university.

His family at the time was associated with Premier Leslie Frost. Frost came to visit and devised a new regional high school system with Hodgson's mother over the kitchen table. Hodgson says Haliburton was suppose to be the first to

get a new centrally located high school but he swears it must have ended up being about the last.

Eventually the current Haliburton Highlands Secondary School was built and some time after that the college moved in. Principal Barb Bolin says they spent 32 years in the little red brick school before moving to the new campus on the other side of the lake in September.

She relates to Hodgson's stories of the school bursting at the seams. There was no room for books; one of her favourite things about the new building is a small library. She was eventually squeezed out of her own office and into a coat closet. She used to be able to stretch out one arm and touch one wall with her fingers and touch the opposite wall with her other elbow.

Bolin says what she loved most about the old building was being able to yell and get anyone you wanted. She also appreciated having a wonderful waterfront view above the cars on the highway for most of her tenure in the building.

"I called a man once in the ministry (of colleges and universities) who was stuck in a horrible North York building with dividers. He asked if I was still in the same spot (the Sisco center) and he said, 'Then whatever you want, the answer's no,'" she recalls with a laugh.

She says he was one of many over the years to have fallen in love with the views from the old campus and the charm of the small building. She says it bred a closeness between staff and students as well.

Within the month there will be a yard sale selling some of the office furniture, old computers and other stuff from the old campus. The building will then be put up for sale by the college.

New well comes up short

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The Wilberforce drinking water system hit a snag when a new well that was drilled failed to produce the necessary amount of water.

Highlands East council passed a resolution this month to drill another well at a tendered cost of \$7,750.

There was an option to try and pipe water over to the new treatment facility being built as part of the project from the artesian well but that would come at a significantly higher cost.

Deputy-Reeve Bill Howe suggested that perhaps the Ministry of the Environment would give them more time for the project now that the deadlines for the Water Safety Act have been extended.

Clerk Sharon Stoughton-Craig said the extension was only to give people an opportunity to get their finances or "houses" in order.

The Safe Drinking Water Act requires private and public owners to put in place expensive water treatment systems and testing procedures for small and large non-residential water systems accessed by the public.

Leona Dombrowsky, Minister of the Environment, responded to widespread complaints by extending the deadlines to meet the new standards from this December to July 1, 2006.

Stoughton-Craig says they have been given no indication Dombrowsky is planning on clawing back the regulations.

A recent press release from Dombrowsky says she has "heard loud and clear" the outcry from rural communities against the new regulations but she also remains committed to implementing the recommendations of the Walkerton Inquiry which included the much decried regulation 170.

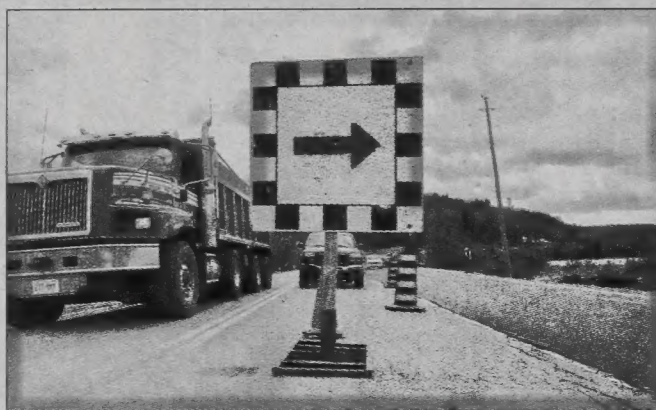
Irene Cook, acting deputy-clerk, explained that as a result of regulation 170 they are entering into a lengthy process to close the firehalls on Highway 28 and in Tory Hill to the public.

She says that the two halls were seldom used by the public and by making the change they can continue using the buildings as firehalls without having to pay the expense of changing the water treatment system or doing the extensive testing.

Cook has heard the ministry might consider not requiring reporting of testing results unless there is a problem. However, the main cost is not the reporting but the testing which would still have to be done.



DARREN LUM/Echo



There's a lot of new asphalt in Haliburton these days. Above, Royel Paving Limited paves the newly extended path through Head Lake Park as part of the new Head Lake trail. It starts near the Rotary Park beach and winds its way to the bridge where it joins the existing path. Although Dysart et al would have also liked the Ministry of Transportation to pave a path along Highway 118 as part of the Head Lake trail, it seems that the MTO new lane will be torn up once the work to install a new culvert is finished.

New Hwy. 118 lane is only temporary

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

A newly paved lane has appeared on Highway 118 as you head north out of the village past the old Fleming Campus but it is not expected to stay.

Miles Maughan, Dysart et al road superintendent, says the construction project is being undertaken by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario. The purpose is to replace a culvert. He says to his knowledge the compa-

ny MTO hired is only replacing the culvert not leaving a wider swath of pavement for any other purpose. The newly paved stretch is a temporary detour.

He says that stretch of 118 will be about five feet wider once the project is completed.

Reeve Murray Fearrey says Dysart council did request the MTO to consider putting in a paved sidewalk that could be incorporated into the Head Lake trail but they did not receive any notice MTO was willing to do that.

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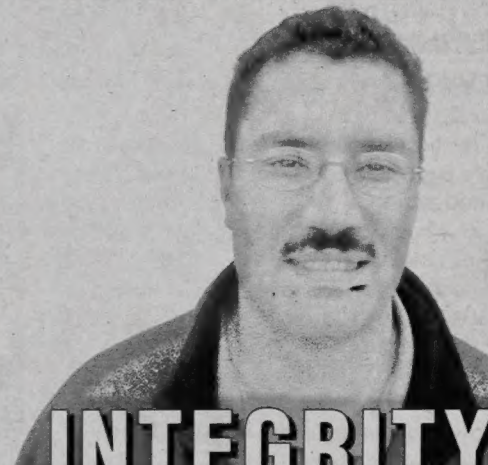
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Village sculptures need new owners

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The public sculptures that sprouted up in communities across the Highlands over the last seven years now need new owners.

The sculptures were the result of the work by the arts committee then functioning under the auspices of the Haliburton County Development Corporation. In 1997, the committee started the project with the aim of promoting the arts in the county, says Jim Blake. The arts committee was then a sub-committee of HCD's economic development committee.

"The idea was all this art is happening but there is nothing really visible to the public. So there was an idea to create public sculpture which would give work to the artists and create destinations to drive to," says Blake.

This was prior to amalgamation and local municipalities agreed to provide in-kind labour, the materials and lands to build the sculptures on. John Leonard and Roy Truchan went to each of the 10 communities where there were to be sculptures and held public meetings to ask people what they thought would best represent their area.

In Stanhope it was the tradition of logging so an enormous sawyer was created. In Dorset a pair of giant binoculars were erected near the base of the look-out tower. In Eagle Lake, there is an eagle near the public beach. In Wilberforce a stone sculpture was created to celebrate the history of the Red Cross.

Sculptures were also placed in Haliburton, Minden, Cardiff, West Guilford, Gooderham and Lochlin. All of the sculptures had a VA symbol for visual arts placed beside them to create a unified symbol across the county. A map was produced that showed where

the sculptures are as well as artists and galleries.

Blake says the arts committee has evolved into the new Arts Council and a Sculpture et al Committee. The latter is mainly focused on developing the Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park adjacent to the new Fleming campus.

The sculpture committee is interested in becoming a charitable organization but first had to sort out what its assets. It was discovered that nothing had ever been put into writing saying who owned the 10 community sculptures. A letter was sent to municipalities asking them to formalize the ownership.

"It doesn't matter who owns them as long as they're not abandoned," says Blake.

The signs are starting to deteriorate at some of the sculpture sites and some of the pieces may need maintenance, says Blake. He says the committee is willing to help municipalities with these projects. Blake added that municipalities are also free to remove the VA symbols if they like since that program no longer exists.

Sharon Stoughton-Craig, Highlands East clerk, says the sculptures are "pretty nice" and a resource for the municipality. Deputy-reeve Bill Howe added that the sculptures have become landmarks. He joked that people love the dragonfly sculpture in Cardiff because dragonflies eat mosquitoes. The council had no problem with the committee's request to take ownership.

The other municipalities are looking at the issue. Blake says Algonquin Highlands has responded favourably. Dysart et al council has requested more information regarding what its responsibilities would be.

Councilor Leon Jones, representing West Guilford, says the fish installation there is subject to vandalism. He says they should consider the cost of main-



DARREN LUM/ECHO

Buy a book, help a school

Wilberforce Elementary School students (left - right, front - back) Katie Yates, Katie Hütt, Taylor Lewis and Jade McCartney show off some of the books that will be on sale at the school's annual book sale. It is scheduled for Nov. 22 - 26 from 8:40 a.m. to 11:25 a.m. each day. The sale will also be available to parents who come after school and make a request for the 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. time slot.

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A committee that really works

IT'S FASCINATING TO WATCH the Frost Centre Working Committee at work. If Gerry Phillips, chair of the province's Management Board, pulled together these six people just to fool the rest of us into believing that he was serious about coming up with a new use for the Frost, then he was a fool to pick people who are so committed to making sure this committee lives up to its name. They will indeed work hard to find a solution.

When Warden Bill Davis suggested at last Tuesday's meeting that December was too busy a month to hold the next gathering, the other five said that the task ahead was so daunting that there was not enough time to wait until January. They also didn't want to have two-hour meetings and call it a day. In for a morning, in for an afternoon.

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editorial

martha perkins

Over the next few months, each committee member will show his or her strengths. Last Tuesday, it was Brian Desbiens' turn.

Most people here know him as the retired president of Sir Sandford Fleming College. Seemingly born with a perpetual smile on his face, Desbiens always seemed so happy about everything. But given the opportunity to ask two representatives of the provincial government questions about the closure of the Frost Centre, he showed himself to be a bit of a bulldog, too. The smile was there but so was the tenaciousness, and the unwillingness to settle for pat, say-nothing answers. He will truly hold the government to account.

Desbiens' style also highlights a different way of dealing with high-level politicians. Among some Haliburton County politicians the feeling seems to be that the best way to get a cabinet minister's ear is by being "chummy." Pat a few backs, say a few jokes and then tell them what you want. Between friends, so to speak. Desbiens is far more direct. He thinks high-level cabinet ministers should be held responsible for the huge public trust – not to mention millions of tax dollars – that they've been given. Again, be nice, say a few jokes, but let the politicians know that you are serious. You're not asking for favours, you're asking for what's entitled to be yours, and the citizens of Ontario are entitled to know why the government closed down such an important natural resources centre like the Frost. He truly is an advocate for us all.

The task ahead of the committee is indeed huge and daunting. In effect, they are doing what the Ministry of Natural Resources should have done before closing the Frost: come up with a list of partners, both governmental and public, who can help shoulder the financial burden of making sure generations of Ontarians have a better understanding of why and how we must protect our natural resources. If the MNR had done what the volunteer committee is about to do, we wouldn't have had to suffer these months of anguish.

All ideas are welcome, the committee says. It doesn't want to be hamstrung but sticking to only one option; instead, it invites others to "think outside the box" and come up with innovative solutions. Better yet, most members seem to be committed to the idea of keeping the Frost's prime focus alive, not just filling the buildings with a tenant who happens to have the cash. There is so much history at the Frost, so much of a legacy, and so much of a future.



Quiet till spring

Photo by DARREN LUM/ECHO

Talking about big racks

LET'S BE HONEST: to most men the size of the rack really matters. In fact, if it's good enough to show off in a national magazine, so much the better. That's right, despite the prevalence of political correctness, there's nothing that a red-blooded man likes more than a big, symmetrical rack parading out there in front of him.

Not one of us can resist the way a spectacular rack bounces and sticks straight out during a good chase. And the way they glisten and stand out in the cold driving rain is more than most of us can take. When you finally hold them in your hands, well, it's like heaven.

This, of course, explains why some guys shoot too far early in the presence of a really nice rack. And, often, because they're aiming carelessly, they hit the big rack instead of the vital area, because that's what they were really paying attention to in the first place. Yes, big racks excite us. Just think of all the websites, videos and magazines devoted to them.

I mean what real man doesn't want to open his eyes each morning to see a well-oiled and spectacular rack hanging right there over his head. I'll be honest with you, if I had a good set in my office I don't think I'd get anything else done. Hey, I'd dust and polish both sides, admire them endlessly, and maybe even giggle as I hung my hat from the best side. I just know I'd carry a picture in my wallet so the other guys could see what I go home to each night. Lord knows what I'd do with those and a good digital camera.

When I was younger, I never really understood the attraction to a big rack.

Back then, they all looked good to me, just as long as you could see them sticking out past the ears. I really didn't care about the size as long as I could latch onto one. I mean, let's face it, they're all pretty in their own way.

But now I understand the draw to really big ones. Just seeing a truly big rack hang there reminds you of the time when you first laid your eyes on those beauties. If you were serious about the pursuit, you

probably saw them covered in skin-tight velvet the previous summer. From that point on, they were all you could think about.

Unfortunately, not all of us find ourselves holding big racks. In fact, this year, during the rifle season, I only managed to get a small four-point buck. Oh sure, it was a nice deer but it wasn't the big rack I was hoping for.

Naturally, I'm not alone. Many hunters go home to less than spectacular racks. Or

even no rack at all. So in that sense, I guess I should count myself lucky.

Hey, at least I'm honest about it. I know one guy who tried to pass off a respectable six-pointer as an eight-pointer. He kept pointing to barely developed nubs along the main beam and counting them. I wouldn't doubt if he took them in for enhancement eventually.

For some hunters, this exaggeration of rack size has actually become a high art form. A really good rack-counter (or as the French say rack-counteur) can actually turn a doe into a spike buck or even a small forkhorn given the proper camera and lighting conditions.

Of course, for most of us, however, it's hard to see any point in this at all.

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WITH CONCENTRATED EFFORT, Marie gradually loosened her grip on the wheel. All around her, cars and trucks, vans and SUVs sped like the tail of a comet. In the distance, she could make out the CN Tower and surrounding skyline. Beside her sat Earl, her husband, stiff, mute and terrified.

Marie had been thinking of this trip with both delight and dread for weeks. Her very best friend had met someone when in university and now they had decided to wed. In Toronto. Which was quite reasonable since that was where they planned to live, and where their jobs were. So Marie and Earl had to make the trek if they wanted to give the happy couple a proper send off.



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The problem was that Earl had been born and raised in the country and in fact had spent very little of his life anywhere else. Other than their honeymoon and a summer job at a resort out West, Earl had never been away and had no desire to do so. He just didn't see the point; he was happy where he was. Going to a large city - for any reason - was an anathema for Earl. A sampling of media sensa-

tionalism combined with the opinions of his like-minded relatives resulted in Earl being convinced large metropolitan areas were inhabited by violent drug-crazed predators who hoped to kill as many people on the highway as possible while driving to their nefarious activities. Cities were to be avoided at all costs.

Marie married Earl knowing this. And because she also was a country girl, their getting together was a good fit, like pulling on a roomy and familiar sweater. Sure once in a while a thread might come loose or an arm get twisted but these could be tied up and straightened out with just a little effort. She found some of his eccentricities endearing. He was often in awe of her capabilities.

The difference was that country-girl Marie had also lived in the city for several years as well as seen much of the world before settling down and meeting Earl. Thus her experiences of what lay beyond her county's borders were informed and extensive. Marie preferred meat and potatoes but she had tasted curries and kangaroo.

Now, they were nearing the end of a three hour car trip during which Earl had vacillated between cringing, gasping, shuddering and in the end, most often closing his eyes. The traffic on a six lane highway can be daunting and Marie made it very clear that if Earl wanted to sit in the front seat, he had to promise to keep silent. He did the best he could but his heaving body language had still managed to rattle Marie's composure. She would be very glad to reach the church. Fortunately, they had decided to spend the night in a hotel so as to be well rested for the ordeal of the return drive.

It was with a sigh of relief that they pulled into a parking spot in the church's lot. Earl checked the car locks twice before unfolding stiff legs as he climbed from the car. Marie smoothed her skirt and surreptitiously ran a comb through her hair while Earl looked about to make sure no one lurked in the shrubbery. Then taking Marie's hand, he lead her briskly to the church steps. No need to linger on the street, where unknown dangers might suddenly appear. With a sigh, she gave his hand a reassuring squeeze. Really, he was only trying to protect her.

It was a beautiful ceremony. The bride was radiant, as all brides are, and the groom beamed happily the whole time. Sniffles could be heard when the new couple kissed to seal the event.

The reception was held in a toney restaurant not far from the church so, they were able to leave the car where it was and walk, despite Earl's objection. However, once there, he seemed to forget about the five block distance and set about having a good time. The food was tasty and a small band played for their listening and dancing pleasure. They ended up seated at a table with two other couples and as the evening progressed, the conversation became increasingly friendly and relaxed.

At first one of the women had expressed surprise that Marie and Earl lived where they did, so far off what she saw as the beaten track. She had wondered what they did to pass the time and how they were able to make a living in cottage country. A former cottager herself, she seemed to think that all the folks from that part of Ontario married their cousins, could barely read and shot trespassers. Later, she confessed to Marie and Earl that spending a few hours with them had been a bit of an eye opener. "We all have our prejudices, don't we?" she had said with a smile.

Walking back to their car, Marie and Earl basked in the glow of an afternoon and evening well spent with good food and friends in a beautiful setting. As they neared the church parking lot, a man rounded the corner and walked quickly toward them. Marie felt Earl immediately tense. But it was only an out-of-towner, asking for directions. And fortunately Marie knew exactly what to tell him. Earl smiled with pride, wondering how long it would be before she talked him into another trip to the city.



pic of the past

EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE and this weekend there are a lot of parades to love. Minden's parade is Saturday and Santa will stay overnight so he can be in Haliburton's parade on Sunday (in his spanking new float.) We thought it was a good time to share this Pic of the Past from Joe Iles. Joe's father Jim worked at Chamber Motors, which was the Chrysler dealership in Haliburton in the 1940s and 1950s. (It was where Sharpley Sports is today and was owned by Tom Chambers, who died in the main street fire in 1956.) It's likely Jim Iles, wearing the mask, who drove the Model T car during the Rotary parade of 1949 or 1950. The man on the right in the crowd is Nick Nicholls, who owned the drug store where Butcher Block stands today. Our thanks to Joe Iles and Tom's son Dave Chambers, who's in Peterborough, for sharing the information with us.

letters to the editor

Fire brings out heart of community

To the Editor:

Have you ever pondered the benefits of living in a small town over living in the city?

Recently Charlene McNeil, a friend of mine, lost her home to a fire in Harcourt. She is a single mom with two kids and no insurance. They lost everything. But the community rallied around her and the support was overwhelming.

We started a trust fund at the Bank of Nova Scotia for them, we have a storage unit full of donated furniture for when they get their home rebuilt, and we held a benefit dance which the local businesses donated a gift or prize for. The two raffle boxes, which were overflowing with gift certificates and an amazing assortment of prizes, were won by Kevin Dohms and Jeanette and Frank Packard which they donated to

Charlene and her family.

Knowing that most of the local business trade is seasonal, and knowing how many times a day they get asked for a donation, I was amazed at the community support. To all the businesses who donated a prize, to all the volunteer firefighters who were there when they were needed, and to all the people who donated furniture or monies, your kindness and generosity will long be remembered.

A fire is a tragedy that I hope never happens to anyone, but the knowledge that when a tragedy strikes your community is there to support you is priceless.

Deloris Packard
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Frost Centre has a worthy champion in TVO

To the Editor:

Thanks to Susanna Kelly, Queen's Park bureau chief for TVOntario's Studio 2, for doing a story on the closure of the Leslie Frost Centre.

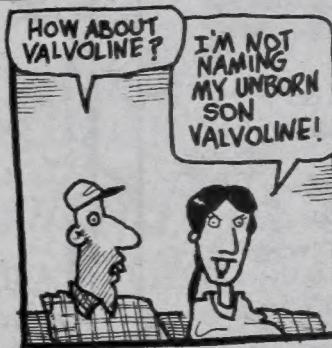
It is a program that will make a lot of people think twice about what they lost when they lost the Frost Centre. It would seem they have the

right person taking charge to make the government come out and say "Yes we made a mistake," but it takes a big person or a big government to ever admit they made a mistake.

But if you have people like Susanna Kelly and the Echo on your side, you are lucky.

Mabel Winder,
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Boonieville by Charlie Teljeur



Frost Centre committee may have only 40 acres to deal with

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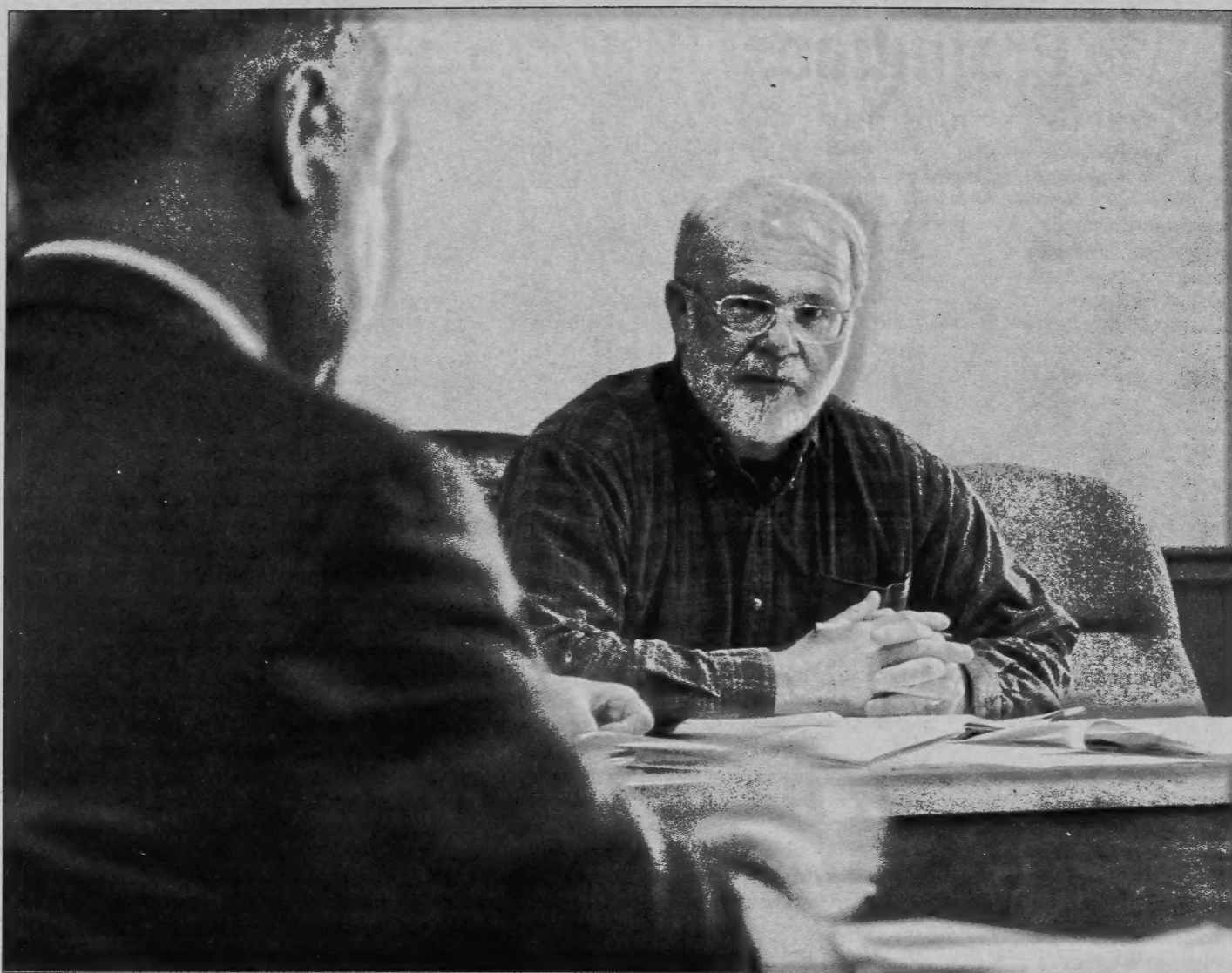
account executive, and David Cope, director of agency relations for the Management Board secretariat, questions about the government's rationale in selling the Frost, as well as clarifying exactly what part of the property they will be entitled to include in their new management proposal.

In essence there are three components to what is known as the Frost Centre: the 40 acres on which the buildings – classrooms, dormitories, the kitchen and staff living quarters – sit, the 730 acres immediately surrounding the buildings, including trails and frontage on Lake St. Nora, and the 23,000 hectares of Crown land.

Committee member Brian Desbiens asked if the committee was to be considering the 730 acres as well as the 40 acres.

"Currently, yes," Labelle said.

MARTHA PERKINS/Echo



Dr. Brian Desbiens, a member of the Frost Centre Working Committee, asked Hubert Labelle of the Ontario Realty Corporation to provide the committee with the Frost Centre's financial statements and a list of all its assets

"Are you suggesting that it may be less," asked committee member Ken Veitch.

"Yes," Labelle said, adding that he'd have a better answer by Christmas. However, "my gut feeling is we'll be dealing primarily with the main complex. It doesn't necessarily mean we'll hand back control. We're probably going

to be looking at a much smaller parcel of land."

Desbiens also said that he was concerned about the wording of a letter by Gerry Phillips, the Chair of the Management Board, which is responsible for the ORC.

"[Phillips] says we don't report to him but given that I was invited by political

beings to be here... I hope they're more than interested [in the committee's suggestions.] While Mr. Phillips may not want us to report directly to him, I really was hoping for a firm statement about he he'd respond to our report."

David Cope, a representative of the Management Board also at the meeting,

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'I don't believe we've ever tried this before'

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said "The ORC is our agent. There's a clear recognition [that putting the Frost Centre up for sale] is not the best way to deal with things. Minister Phillips wants a local proposal. He's not seeing it as his responsibility to make it happen. We want to see that the lands are used in a way to support the local community."

"I do believe that there needs to be a connection [with Phillips]," Desbiens said. "I personally hope that our report is of keen interest to the Minister. That's why we're putting in our time here. The decision was made by the province and we're trying to influence the province so I hope that what we do here is tabled with the province."

Warden Bill Davis said, "We don't want to go down a fruitless road. If we can come up with a viable solution, as the process evolves [the ORC] can take it back to justify a local solution."

Committee member Greg Walling said he had similar concerns about the letter's wording. "I made a couple of inquiries and was told to read into it more than that. They're very interested in our report. I was told to cool my jets."

Cope said "This is not the Minister's role to have you report to him so he can direct what you should do. Certainly he would like to see a proposal come out that makes a viable course of action. No one's prepared to say that whatever you come up with will be done but this is not a delay tactic."

Labelle supported Cope by adding that "the minister is very interested in ensuring that this is a community solution. Genuinely interested."

When asked by committee member Margaret Casey if the working committee can model its role on any other sale of government property, Labelle said "I don't believe we've ever tried this before."

It's quite innovative. We're allowing you folks to decipher all the competing interests. For one of us to pick one interest over another is impossible so it's important for the community to take a lead role. It will probably help us find a better end process."

Cope agreed. "I'm not sure there is a model [for this process.] We have lots of properties and all kinds of things happen but nothing quite like this."

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DAVID COPE, Management Board Secretariat

Right now there are no legal descriptions of the property to share with the committee, part of the due diligence the ORC is undertaking. There are title searches underway to see who owns which parts of the property and where those boundaries are. The University of Toronto, which ran a forestry program at the Frost, sold the buildings to the province in 1959 but more must be discovered about the sale of the other pieces of the 730-acre property in 1978 and 1980.

The ORC is also undertaking a Phase 1 Environmental Assessment. There are no known contaminants but former staff are being asked questions about such things as the presence of underground oil tanks. If any problems are identified, they'll be dealt with in a Phase 2 assessment.

Meanwhile, the ORC is "making every effort to make sure the buildings are winterized," Labelle said. Equipment that has been deemed needed by other

government facilities has been removed and the items of historic interest, which are being stored in Peterborough, are being archived.

This latter duty was very important to the committee which, should the centre be sold, wants its historical materials and art work to remain in the county. It wants a list of everything that has been taken from the Frost Centre as well as a list of what remains. Labelle said that

mation about the centre's operations. "We will be assembling the costs and expenditures to give you an overview of what it looked like on paper. Once we bring it to you'll probably have more questions, but we can't think of anything that we can't share with you."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, one of two local politicians on the six-person committee, said "It's our understanding that the use of security guards 24/7 is about to be stopped." Her township's fire departments are concerned about what protocol will be in place should there be a fire or emergency at the facility. If an automatic alarm goes off, emergency personnel will have no access to the building or no information as to what caused the alarm.

"We need to engage the community in some way" to deal with that, Labelle said. "For us to entertain to do 24/7 security it is very costly and is a concern. We would like to discuss alternatives." Perhaps that will include hiring local residents to do random security patrols. "We want to secure the safety of the site but 24/7 is quite expensive."

The ORC has asked other ministries if they want the property and only the Ministry of Transportation responded. "They asked about gravel deposits on the site and we told them to dispend their interest," Hubert.

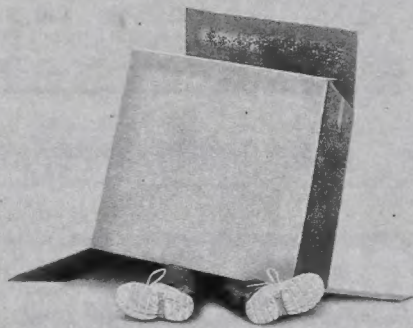
County Warden Bill Davis said that he and county CAO Jim Wilson made to the Solicitor General about moving the police academy to the Frost Centre. The academy in Orillia has run out of room for accommodation.

"We planted a seed," Davis said. "If they think about what the CAO and I had discussed would they come to you?"

"Yes," said Labelle. The next committee meeting is on December 1 at 10 a.m. at the county council chambers in Minden.

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Funding runs out to pay for Water Trails

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"The MNR does not have the resources to manage it and the alternative is that it goes back to the way it was – but that can't be allowed to happen," Reeve Eleanor Harrison told fellow members of the Frost Centre Working Committee last Tuesday morning.

"Can we access funds to make it sustainable," Brian Desbiens asked her.

"Good luck," she responded. "We had a good plan in place but... Let's not go there."

Algonquin Highlands had asked the MNR to find another funding source now that the Ontario Living Legacy fund, which paid the salaries of Water Trails co-ordinator Mark Coleman and an assistant, has dried up. Although the local MNR was able to find funding to have Coleman work on the project until May 1, amongst other duties, the ministry no longer sees the campsites as one of its core responsibilities and will not provide ongoing funding.

Predicting an occupancy rate of 30 per cent – even though in the peak summer months it reaches 110 per cent – Water Trails expects to generate \$250,000 a year through user fees.

Until the arrival of Water Trails, no one was monitoring the campsites and many problems had arisen. Some sites had no outhouse facilities while others had make-shift privies that were on water's edge. Overcrowding had prompted some people to create their own campsites, increasing the number of sites from 120 to 163. There were also problems with garbage and congestion at the access points.

Water Trails, and the volunteer committee that proceeded it, worked hard to

DARREN LUM/Echo



In this file photo from August Mark Coleman of Water Trails and volunteer Valerie Neumann break up a firepit on a closed campsite. Regeneration takes five years and people who ignore the signs indicating the campsite status make it impossible for that to occur.

clean up the sites, build privies at both the sites and access points, create a comprehensive map and do regular patrols of the routes in the summer.

Margaret Casey praised Algonquin Highlands for its commitment.

"I don't think Ontario residents understand how much volunteers have stepped up to fill the void [of government funding cuts]," she said.

Harrison said Algonquin Highlands did appeal to county council for help but the request was denied.

Desbiens also praised Algonquin Highlands "for taking this on and doing a heck of a job." He asked Coleman what would happen if the Frost Centre's buildings are sold or no longer available for Water Trails.

Coleman said the Frost Centre complex is a vital resource and will be even more essential once user fees are in place.

Before the Centre closed, its staff played an important role in distributing the maps and providing public education on proper camping etiquette. When user fees are in place, reservations can be done on-line but the Centre itself is still needed as a central and easily accessible entry point with a large parking area off the highway. (Harrison noted that some camps drop busloads of canoeists off at the side of the highway, creating a potential danger.)

"It's an ideal access point to be maintained," Coleman said. "To our business plan it would be a number one challenge priority to secure."

Harrison added, "To me it's extremely vital. It's very important [that the government] realizes we need to maintain a 'storefront', if you like, with a boat launch and office."

To try to replace the Frost Centre office

with a Water Trails office would be prohibitively expensive, she said, because of the need for such a large parking area.

Casey, who has canoed through the Centre with her family, noted that many of the Frost Centre's other access points are shared with cottagers so space is indeed at a premium. "The Frost Centre is extremely pivotal to the success of Haliburton Highlands Water Trails."

"The 24,000 hectares seem to be critical," said Greg Walling. "If we're going to maximize the Frost Centre's value then it should be kept up."

Although Casey was concerned that the government would think that the Working Committee would be willing to take on the water trails if they were noted in a letter to the government, Walling said it was important to let the government know it was imperative to keep Water Trails operational.

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Caboose also to be part of gallery facility

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moving the caboose over to use as space once the tourist information centre is moved into the old station.

Reeve Murray Fearrey said that there has been a lot of community concern about the project throughout the process to date. He says some people think the station should have been moved further into Head Lake Park but he says the project's engineer put the cement slab on the only place where the soggy soil could bear the weight.

Fearrey has also heard a lot of feedback about the height of the gallery. The building has been lowered an additional 20 inches from what was originally intended to eight and a half blocks high. He says the change was due to the decision not to use the basement for program space but for storage. He says the height was needed to permanently keep the building out of the flood plain.

Enright says they are hoping to reopen the gallery next May. New drawings are currently being done to show the plans for the gallery and will be on display in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays for public viewing.

The financial picture is not rosy but the board has been very proactive, says Enright. In the fiscal year ending in 2004 they added \$11,000 to the budget shortfall, creating an \$18,000 deficit. She says it is entirely possible to reduce the deficit by \$9,000 this year and erase the remaining debt next year.

She said the staff at Dawson Gray Accountants have been fantastic and helped them through the process of set-

ting up a new accounting system. They have also hired an external bookkeeper for the first time. They now have a three-year operational plan, a new computer system, and solid financial changes to help them operate year round in the black.

The other big change will be the hiring of an executive director in January. The director will be responsible for assisting the guild in launching a fundraising campaign, as well as administrative

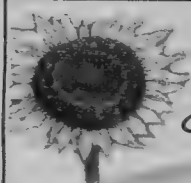
duties such as marketing, programming, and strategic planning. The position has been posted locally as well as on a couple of well-established internet job sites such as Charity Village.

"There is such a passion in this community for this organization and for the heritage of the station. People care, they want to be heard and we want to keep that level of community involvement," says Enright.

SHERYL LOUCKS/Echo



Joe Smith of the Haliburton Highlands Guild of Fine Arts inspects the Rails End Gallery which has now been lowered onto a new foundation. The municipality of Dysart et al owns the building and the Guild manages it as the gallery.



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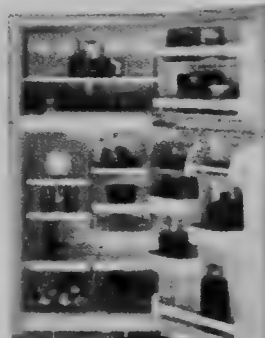


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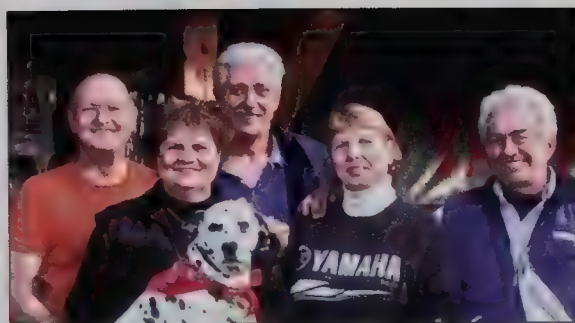
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Jim and Wendy Hyland were winners of a new snowmobile. See story on page 13.



DARREN LUM/Echo

A Highlands Storm Atom A forward is caught by a backchecking Beeton Stinger player in the second period during the tournament final in Haliburton on Saturday, Nov. 20. The Atom A won the final 7 - 3, but fended off a second period barrage Ryan Hunter scored the game winner early in the third period.

Novice As pad their stats during weekend blowouts

MIKE LOPEZ

Special to the Echo

Two bouts of pneumonia didn't slow down the resilient Novice Storms this past weekend. Despite being short two of their top players, Curtis Ballantyne and Julia Fedeski, the Storm pummelled the North Muskoka Thunder in Minden on Saturday, and the Port Carling Thunder on Sunday.

Saturday's tilt saw the Storm jump out to an 8 - 1 lead in the first period before settling for a 12 - 2 win by the final buzzer. The Storm's coaching staff, John Ballantyne, Rod Sisson and Norm Barry, worked hard to ensure that all of the Storm players had an opportunity to go on the offensive, without totally embarrassing the visitors.

Six of the Storm players scored multiple points with Spencer Trueman leading the way with two goals and three assists; Kirk Lopez and Christopher Hall each adding a pair of goals and two assists; Nathan Feir and Connor Dollo each scoring a pair of goals and an assist; Tyler Barry with a goal and two assists; and Matt Chapman capping the scoring with a marker of his own.

The hour and half drive to Port Carling didn't slow down the Storm as the shorthanded Novices picked up where they left off on Saturday by humbling the home squad Thunder 14 - 1. Sunday's game saw all of the Storm players, with exception to goaltender Christopher Hall, involved in the scoring.

Kirk Lopez led the Storm with seven points, two goals and five assists; Spencer Trueman added a pair of goals and a pair of assists; Tom Paul added two goals and an assist; Jordan Hamilton with a goal and two assists; Tyler Barry and Connor Dollo each tallied a pair of unassisted goals; Mac Monk Cray had a goal and an assist; Jacob Sisson and Nathan Feir each had a goal via end-to-end rushes; and Matt Chapman and Spencer Hicks added one assist each.

The Thunder will be looking to avenge the shellacking when they visit the Storm this Saturday in Haliburton.

Red Hawks take game from defeat

Down by two goals in the third period the Red Hawks stormed back to remain undefeated through the first three games of the season.

Led by Mark Fisher's goal at the 9:44 mark of the third period HHSS went on to tie Thomas A. Stewart School 2 - 2 on the road on Nov. 18. Red Hawks forward Jesse Johnson scored the equalizer late into the third period.

HHSS forward Matt Roberts leads the team with six points, three goals and three assists while Zach Joanu is second with five points, one goal and four assists.

Kawartha Boys high school league

	gp	w	l	t	pts
Red Hawks	3	2	0	1	5
Hurricanes	3	2	1	0	4
Tigers	4	2	2	0	4
Flames 3	1	1	1	3	
Rams	3	0	2	1	1
Lions	0	0	0	0	0
Titans	3	0	3	0	0

HHSS leads all AA schools with most goals for(16) and least goals allowed(8).



We are the Champions

The HHSS senior girls basketball team won the Kawartha Championships at Kenner and beat the Rams 34 - 30. They were led by forward Michelle Neumann with 12 points and overcame a three point deficit at the half. (l-r, front to back) Cassidy Zilla, Sherri Walker, Danielle Clements, Natasha McGann, Brittany Hicks, head coach Roland Zilla, support staff Brendan Farrell, Teresa Riley, Kirsten Rae, Michelle Neumann, Natalia Rico, Paige Collins, Julie Johnston, and support staff Matt McElwain and Elke Zilla. HHSS defeated last year's Kawartha AA champions Port Hope 35 - 13. Coach Roland Zilla said Neumann had a stellar day. They play in COSSA this week.

Snowmobile winner believes in local business

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

When Jim Hyland came to Haliburton to shop the bargains at Midnight Madness, he dropped by the display of the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association to see how he could get involved.

Snowmobiling is one of Hyland's favourite wintertime pastimes, a passion he shares with his wife Wendy. Nearly every weekend in the winter will find them at their Big Bob Lake cottage, their two snowmobiles in tow.

Now they have a brand new 2005 Yamaha RS Vector to add to the stable thanks to a Consumer's Choice raffle ticket that Hyland bought during Midnight Madness.

He was at the snowmobile show in Toronto when the draw was made.

"I told him not to come home with another snowmobile," his wife laughs.

Since Hyland won the snowmobile of

his choice he stayed true to his word in one way – at least he didn't buy a new snowmobile.

The Scarborough couple was at Haliburton Outdoor Equipment in Kennisis Lake to pick up their choice. It had to be shiny red to match with their Dalmation, Dana, and Wendy wanted a snowmobile that didn't leave a trail of exhaust fumes. They love the Vector's four-stroke engine and also enjoy the service at Haliburton Outdoor Equipment, where they have purchased two other snowmobiles. They've also purchased five cars in the area.

"We really try to support the local businesses because if we don't they won't be here when we need them," Hyland says.

George Schvarcz told them that if there's no snow in Scarborough this winter they'll have a good chance of finding it at Kennisis Lake. At 2,600 feet above sea level, Kennisis Lake's winters are a bit colder and last a little longer.



MARTHA PERKINS/Echo

Jim and Wendy Hyland and their Dalmation Dana were at Haliburton Outdoor Equipment on Friday to pick up their 2005 Yamaha RS Vector, which they won in the HCSA's Consumer's Choice draw. On hand were HCSA president Andy Chvedukas and Outdoor Equipment's Heidi Rokenbauch and George Schvarcz.

Successful home stand for Highland Storm's Midget AE

MARTY MacPHEE

Special to The Echo

Highland Storm 4 Almaguin 4

The Highland Storm G. J. Burtch Construction Midget AE team took to the ice on Sunday November 14 for their sixth game over the weekend, taking on Almaguin in Minden.

On the bench were Storm's Head Coach Jim Winn, Trainer Gary Smith, Manager Bill Kulas and Assistant Coach Brian Gallaher. The score at the end of the first was 0-0. All the action in this game was in the second and third periods resulting in a 4-4 tie.

Tim Pettit, Mackie Campbell, Adam Trueman and Kenton Winn each had a goal, Assists went to Tyler Watson, Kody

Smith and Kenton McGann. J.D Crowe took care of the netminding duties for most of the game with Joel MacPhee taking over for the last 10 minutes of the third period.

Highland Storm 3 Parry Sound 2

On Saturday November 20th the Highland Storm Midget AE team faced Parry Sound at 6:30 in Minden.

Highland Storm led 1-0 after the first

period but trailed 2-1 after two. In what is Highland Storm's form, the team came back with two goals in the third period winning 3 to 2.

Kenton Winn, Josh Townsend each had a goal, Tyler Watson had a goal and assist, Billy Kulas and Kody Smith each had an assist. J.D. Crowe played in net for the first period and Joel MacPhee came in for the second and third period.

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Peewees endure road trip woes

With only one regular season loss the Peewee Storm, sponsored by Roberts Marina and Monks Funeral Home, went to Pembroke with high hopes of doing well in the annual Silver Stick Tournament November 19 to 21.

The tournament began against the Muskrat Voyageurs from the Pembroke region. Both teams came out strong, the Voyageurs to defend local bragging rights and the Storm to show they were to be a contender. After a very tight first period played mainly in the neutral zone, both teams began to find the mark in the second period. Both teams traded excellent scoring opportunities only to be stopped by superb goal tending at both ends. Alex Monk-Cray did his best to keep the Storm in the game.

As the third period wore on with the same intensity the fans began to believe that the team that scored first would likely win. Instead of tiring the teams worked harder, hoping to beat the clock. With less than a minute left the Muskrats appeared to have the last good opportunity to score. Skilfully, Alex was able to direct a shot into the corner that came around to Brett Hicks on the right wing. Brett spotted a streaking Keaton Gadway and was able to provide him with a nice bounce pass off the boards. Keaton had enough speed to beat the lone defenseman on the right had side and then had enough room still to sweep in on goal and tuck the puck in through the 5 hole. With 22 seconds left in the game the Storm took the first lead of the game.

The Muskrats did not have enough

time despite pulling their goalie to tie the game and the Storm got the tournament start they had hoped for.

The tournament draw would see the Storm up against two of the strongest teams. First up would be Campbellford. This game was a much more physical



affair with frequent penalties called on a lot of hard hitting. Drew Paul led the defensive core with some timely hits and was able to help create some good transitional opportunities for the forwards. Brandon Yake, Craig Mullholland and Keaton Gadway were playing the centre positions and had to work hard deep in their zone as well as lead the forward attack. Unfortunately, it was Campbellford that struck first.

In the second the Storm was on a power play and a funny bounce of the puck over the defenseman's stick allowed a pressing Campbellford forward to break in on Alex for a short-handed goal. To further deflate the Storm, Campbellford was given a penalty shot early in the third period and the goal gave Campbellford a 3 to 0 lead.

The Storm did not give up and increased their pressing attack. The strong Campbellford defence and goal-tending did not allow any good opportunities and in the dying moments Campbellford ended the game 4 to 0.

In order to move on the Storm would have to beat Tweed on Sunday morning. A well rested and energized team looked strong and carried the play for the first half of the opening period. A Tweed player was injured resulting in a prolonged delay. After the interruption the teams appeared to be more even, trading scoring opportunities. The Storm forwards seemed to find more time and room on the wings and were able to get some good shots on goal. Ashton Haley, Mark Vasey and Carson Roberts all had opportunities that were either stopped by the agile Tweed netminder or hit iron.

After a scoreless first period Tweed found the back of the net. This seemed to give them a little more bounce and confidence as a lead usually does, especially in tournament play. Tweed scored once more in the second to take a 2 to 0 lead into the third. The Storm worked hard but the scoring opportunities seemed to come less frequently and Tweed, playing with the lead, was able to play more defensively and capitalize on the Storm's mistakes. By the end of the game Tweed added two more goals and claimed a 4 to 0 victory.

Both Tweed and Campbellford moved on in the tournament. They won their semifinal games and faced each other in the championship. Campbellford was the eventual winner 4 to 3 in overtime.

Hinterland's Who's Who wants your stories

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As part of the first anniversary of the re-launch of Hinterland Who's Who it is looking for the Great Canadian Wildlife Story. "We're asking people of all ages from anywhere in Canada to share their wildlife story," says Colin Maxwell, executive vice president of the Canadian Wildlife Federation.

The Great Canadian Wildlife Story initiative on the HWW Web site provides the perfect opportunity for Canadians to tell their wildlife story. Stories will be posted on the site throughout the year. Visit www.hww.ca to share your wildlife experience or e-mail stories@hww.ca.

The re-launch of the Hinterland Who's Who program brought new life to the aging series surpassing all original goals and expectations. "This clearly demonstrates that Canadians want and need a source for reliable information about wildlife in Canada," said Maxwell.

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DARREN LUM/Echo

Cujo comes to town

Detroit Red Wings goalie Curtis Joseph signs autographs after his son's game at a Highland Storm A hockey tournament held in the Dysart et al Arena on Saturday, Nov. 20. His son was playing for the Nobleking Knights from Nobleton. Joseph is a former Toronto Maple Leafs goalie.

HHSS Athletic Schedule

Nov. 25 Sr. Girls basketball COSSA @ Lakefield
Nov. 26 Boys Hockey Fenelon Falls Tournament
Nov. 29 Boys hockey @ Kenner
Dec. 1 Jr. Boys basketball HHSS vs. St. Thomas Aquinas
Sr. Boys basketbal HHSS vs. St. Thomas Aquinas

Dec. 2 Sr. Girls basketball OFSAA@ Belleville (pending COSSA win)
Dec. 6 HHSS hockey @ HHSS vs. St. Peters
Dec. 8 Sr. Boys basketball @ HHSS vs. FFSS 3:30 p.m.
Jr. Boys basketball @HHSS vs. FFSS 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 9 HHSS hockey @ Crestwood
Dec. 13 HHSS hockey @HHSS vs. Adam Scott
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Stuff strutting

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Saskatchewan town names school in honour of settlers from Haliburton

On Saturday, June 26, 53 former teachers, students, descendants and friends gathered at Haliburton School near Jansen, Saskatchewan to unveil the Haliburton School Marker.

Haliburton School #1923 was opened in 1909 and closed in 1953. The first teacher was Miss Drysdale and the last was Dorothy Pomfret. The School was named for the town of Haliburton, the home town of many of the school's first student. Their families had moved to Saskatchewan from Harburn in the early 1900's.

The unveiling ceremony began with the ringing of the original Haliburton School bell by Olive (Brown) Nicholas from Strathmore Ab., teacher from 1932-1934. She

had the honor of teaching the largest number of students at 56. Four of her former students were in attendance.

Following the singing of "School Days" and many photos of teachers, students,

Sunday School classes and friends, everyone moved to Haliburton Hall for refreshments, visiting and renewing acquaintances. The sign reads Haliburton School #1923, 1909-1953, SE20-31-20-W2.

The fact that many former residents returned to Haliburton for the unveiling only underlines the depth of the Haliburton spirit and the recognition that their roots are here and will not be forgotten.

The Haliburton Marker Committee dedicated the marker/sign to the memory of the Haliburton pioneers, to all Haliburton teachers and students and to the Glory of God.

The Echo thanks Bill Gliddon, who has many relatives who founded the community for this story.



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To Like or Not to like Eggplant that is the question

Give this economical low fat vegetable a chance

Eggplant is one of those mysterious vegetables that either you like or hate. I always find it funny that those who hate it have never tried it or tried it once and had a bad experience.

There are many ways of preparing eggplant and is an economical and low fat vegetable. For those who are leery I suggest that you try it again as part of a dish and not on its own.

Tips on Eggplant

- Always buy smooth skin eggplant without blemishes and marks; it should be firm to the touch. If you tap it and it sounds hollow keep looking.

- To salt or not to salt is the question. I always say it depends on what you're doing with it. If you salt it cuts down on the bitterness and reduces the amount of oil needed for cooking.

- To salt, cut your eggplant into strips, rounds or cubes and sprinkle 1/2 tsp of salt per pound. Let stand in a colander for at least 30 minutes to sweat. Pat dry with a paper towel or rinse quickly with water and pat dry.

- Eggplant skin is edible so don't peel it unless your recipe indicates this. It also absorbs lots of oil so brush on or if frying spray the pan and brush each eggplant.

- They bake, broil and roast wonderfully especially with other vegetables.

- They are low in calories: one cup serving is 28 calories, without the oil. They are also a great source of folate and potassium.

- I also find eggplant taste better the next day so prep a day or two early.

There are many varieties but the most commonly seen up here are the first two:

North American are large, 2-3 lbs each, and dark purple.

Italian eggplants are only a few inches

long and look like the North American ones. These tend to be more expensive and the only advantage is they are great to stuff.

Sicilian are lighter purple, round and large with more white flesh and less seeds

White eggplants are now coming into the market. Other than colour they are the same texture as North American.

Japanese or Chinese eggplants are smaller and elongated and 5-10 inches long.

These are sweeter and tender.

Thai eggplants can look like a bunch of hard, green grapes with white and green colourings. They have more seed and are crunchier. Good for Thai curries.

Info collected from Get Fresh by Madeleine Grey

Pasta with Spicy Eggplant Purée

One medium-sized eggplant

A little olive oil

2 medium sized cloves garlic or to taste

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice

1/4 cup sesame tahini

1/2 tsp salt

Ground black pepper

Crushed red pepper to taste

500-700g of pasta, spaghetti, linguine or fettuccine

3-4 tbsp of olive oil

Grated parmesan (optional)

This purée is similar to baba ganouj (an eggplant and tahini dip)

Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly oil a baking sheet. Slice the eggplant in half lengthwise and place the halves open side down on the baking sheet. Bake for 30 minutes or until very tender. Cool.

Start the pasta water to boil.

Scoop all the eggplant pulp from the skins. Place in a blender or a food processor fitted with the steel blade, along with garlic, lemon juice, tahini, and salt. Purée until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl, and season to taste with black and red peppers.

Cook the pasta in plenty of boiling water until al dente. Drain, and add to the bowlful of eggplant purée. Immediately drizzle with olive oil, and if desired add a small amount of Parmesan. Use tong or two forks to mix with a lifting motion, bringing up the purée from the bottom of the bowl until everything is nicely combined.

From Mollie Katzens'

Still life with Menu Cookbook

Roasted Eggplant and Peppers with Coriander Cream

Prep time 30 minutes

Cooking time 20 minutes

One large firm North America Eggplant thickly sliced crosswise

Olive oil

Salt and ground black pepper

1 red and one yellow bell pepper halved and seeded.

1 small mild green chili pepper

4 tablespoons trimmed and chopped coriander (also called cilantro)

3 tablespoons chopped flat-leafed parsley]

2 green onions, chopped

1 garlic clove, crushed

2 tablespoons lime juice

1 tsp toasted cumin seeds

3 tablespoons heavy cream

1/3 cup thick plain yoghurt

1/2 head of lettuce

Coriander or parsley sprig, to garnish.

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Preheat oven to 475°. Brush the eggplant with oil and season. Arrange in a roasting pan with the bell and chili peppers. Roast for 10-20 minutes until the eggplant is golden and the bell and chili peppers are blackened.

Remove the skins and seed from the bell and chili peppers. Cut the bell peppers into large squares. Cut the eggplant slices in half.

Put the coriander, parsley, green onions, and chili pepper in a blender with the garlic, lime juice, salt, pepper, and most of the cumin seeds. Blend for 3 minutes. Pour into a bowl and stir in the cream and yoghurt.

Arrange the lettuce on serving plates with the eggplant and bell pepper on top. Add the coriander sauce, and sprinkle with a little olive oil and few cumin seeds.

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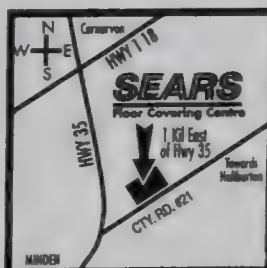


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Petition may bring public skating back

The following are brief reports from the November 9 meeting of the Highlands East council.

Councillor Rick Forget says a petition has been circulated asking the municipality to bring back public skating at the Monmouth Arena.

It was his understanding that there was public skating in the past but not enough people made use of it to justify the staff time. He suggested that council consider providing public skating but also advertise it along with other available ice time in order to promote the arena.

Clerk Sharon Stoughton-Craig says there used to be a larger turnout when the public skating was free as compared to the latest attempt when \$2 was charged. Forget says the people he spoke who do not think the small charge was the problem.

The council agreed to consult staff about providing free public skating on Sunday afternoons from 3 to 5 p.m.

Christmas

Council agreed to donate \$100 to the annual Gooderham children's Christmas party on December 4.

Hockey

Emma Kearns came to council on behalf of a group of Cardiff parents to ask for assistance with the cost of hockey. She says there are about 24 children in Cardiff playing minor hockey in Bancroft. They are being charged an

additional \$50 registration fee because they are coming from outside of Bancroft's borders. She says the kids want to play with the kids they are friends with and go to school with in Bancroft but are penalized.

The kids are also carded, or signed to a team, and cannot switch to another league like the one in Wilberforce even if they wanted to.

Council said they could not help because they already pay a substantial amount of money to operate the arena in their own municipality.

Tender

A generator that was tendered for the arena has to be put back out to tender because of the difficulty of figuring out where to put it. The generator cannot be put on the roof and cannot be put in an existing shed because

Provincial regulations require the building to be "engineered" if they try to install vents. If the generator is put outside then it has to be fenced in.

Bears

The municipality was successful in garnering a \$7,000 grant from the provincial Bear Wise program. Irene Cook, acting deputy-clerk says they can use the money to do some signage. Deputy-Reeve Bill Howe jokingly asked what language bears read.

The money will be used to create public awareness of the possible danger of bears at landfill sites.



Making good things out of bad

Losing his Haliburton area home to fire was anything but positive but homeowner Jim Henwood turned his experience into a positive one for the burn unit of Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. To thank the hospital and the community he held an open house Oct. 24, cooked some hot dogs and, yes, shaved his head! As a result he was able to present \$2,245 to Penny Kroll, development co-ordinator for the Sick Kids Foundation.



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Entries must be received by 6 p.m. Monday, December 6. Judging will be done during the evening the following week and prizes awarded in plenty of time for Christmas!



Legion branch raised \$3,000 this year

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

The 59-year-old Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Auxiliary raised \$3,000 this year for the Haliburton branch.

Jan Shipley fondly provided a warm

introduction of Auxiliary president Laura Bannon at this year's annual Remembrance Day dinner on November 11. Shipley said that Bannon has diligently served the Legion for 30 years and they are fortunate to have her. Bannon's efforts are remarkable considering she raised six daughters as well as

keeping her commitment to the Auxiliary.

Jean Fletcher, Branch 129 president, says the money will be invested in the heating and air conditioning system for the building. She also gave special thanks to those involved in the poppy campaign and her "A1 executive."

Murray Fearrey, Dysart et al Reeve, delivered special thanks to the Legion for providing the municipality with a temporary council chamber while the municipality was undergoing renovations and an expansion.

"We were treated so well during our meetings here we didn't want to go back," he joked.

Guest speaker for the evening was Gord Moore, RCL provincial vice-president in the Ontario Command. Born in Perth, Ontario, he joined the military in Winnipeg in 1969 and the Legion in 1985. Moore is a passionate advocate of the Legion and has served in a variety of executive capacities. He was also honoured as Legionnaire of the year in 1997.

Moore's address took a bit of a humorous bent but had a serious undertone. He asked why China, India and Pakistan have not signed an anti-nuclear treaty and he asked the veterans to lobby politicians to work harder to stop world chaos.

He lamented the lack of education about Canadian military history.

"For reasons unknown to me, Canadian history is not taught to our children. They don't know about Vimy when we became a fighting force to be reckoned with. I am urging vets to pass on to their children the truth about the futilities of war," says Moore.

He concluded by asking people to take pride in the past and have faith in the future.



The following group were at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 Remembrance Day dinner. From back left Ed Pickard, Zone Commander, Cathy and Gord Moore, Jerald Irish. Front: Joan Irish, Jean Fletcher, Br. 129 president and Laura Bannon, Br. 129 Auxiliary president.

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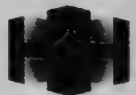
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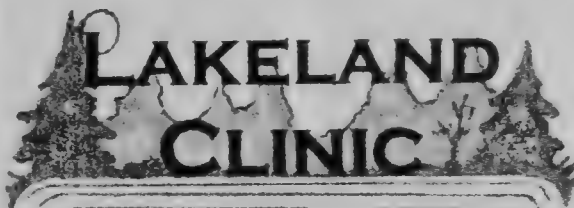


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Study reveals male teacher shortage concerns school board

Trillium Lakelands District School Board Director of Education David Hill has recently participated in a project coordinated to study the lack of available male teachers.

Along with Jean-Luc Bernard, Directeur de l'éducation, Conseil scolaire du district du Centre-Sud-Ouest (CSDCSO), Pat Falter, Consulting Director, English Language School of Education, Laurentian University, and Doug Wilson, Registrar, Ontario College of Teachers, Director of Education David Hill, assisted in developing the report "Narrowing the Gender Gap: Attracting Men to Teaching".

Only one in 10 teachers in grades Kindergarten to 6 is a male under the age of 30. In secondary schools men make up only 30 per cent of all teachers. Statistics from faculties of education across the province indicate that only 25 per cent of applicants are male. This decline in male representation in teaching is a provincial and national trend.

The report details statistics from Ontario,

elsewhere in Canada and elsewhere in the world. Reports from Ontario students, teachers and others are included as well as recommendations from the group.

"The lack of a male role model in many of our schools, particularly at the elementary level, is alarming," Director Hill says. "A gender balance in our schools is essential so that our students understand that a good education is valued by both males and females."

The study says that provincial government intervention is needed to reverse the trend.

Narrowing the Gender Gap recommends that the province champion a multi-year marketing campaign, research and possible incentives to bring men into the profession and retain them.

The project uncovered a number of perceived barriers to men entering teaching, among them: low salaries; negative stereotypes; and fears of allegations of sexual misconduct.

As a result, the project partners recom-

mend:

Σ a provincial government sponsored three-year marketing campaign

Σ providing materials to education faculties, district school boards and other employers and organizations to complement provincial, regional and local recruitment campaigns

Σ showing the benefits of teaching and working with children and dispelling myths that discourage men from entering the teaching profession

Σ investigating further incentives

Σ increasing alternative and part-time programs at faculties of education

Σ encouraging school boards to offer co-operative education and peer tutoring placements for male high school students in elementary schools

Σ developing mentoring programs for male teachers

Σ conducting research to see whether there is a correlation between the academic achievement of boys and the

presence of male teachers.

Changing teacher salaries – a suggestion that came up repeatedly during consultations – was an issue deserving further discussion among school boards, teacher federations and the Ministry of Education, the project partners decided.

The number of men in the national teaching workforce dropped to 35 per cent in 1999-2000 from 41 per cent in 1989-90, according to Statistics Canada. The percentage of male teachers was even lower among younger educators. In countries such as Ireland, Poland, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany, women make up 80 per cent or more of teachers at the primary level, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) reported in 2001.

To see the full report, please visit The full report "Narrowing the Gender Gap: Attracting Men to Teaching" is available by visiting www.oct.ca.

Smart Serve website offers responsible alcohol use this holiday season

"Be smart about drinking."

That's the advice from Smart Serve Ontario, the organization that provides information and training programs on serving alcohol responsibly.

"At this time of year, many people are either attending or hosting holiday celebrations," notes Diane Stefaniak, Executive Director of Smart Serve Ontario. "We urge everyone to drink responsibly, and, if you are hosting a party, we hope you will ensure that your

guests drink responsibly."

The Smart Serve website, at www.smartserve.ca, contains information to help hosts plan and execute a safe and enjoyable party. When you get to the main page, click on "Special Occasions" for party planning advice and simple recipes for snacks you can serve.

"One of the best things a host can do is make sure that drinking isn't the main event, Stefaniak says. "Have lots of food available, and, of course, non-alcoholic

drinks."

Stefaniak notes that the owners, managers and staff of Ontario's 19,000 licensed establishments have long relied on the Smart Serve program to help them train staff in the responsible service of alcohol. "Our program deals with a host's liabilities and offers tips to reduce risk. It covers topics, such as identifying signs of intoxication and dealing with intoxicated guests."

Since Smart Serve began offering its

training program, more than 420,000 people involved in the sale or service of alcohol have been trained with the Smart Serve program. The program is available in a video/workbook format or the training can now be taken online.

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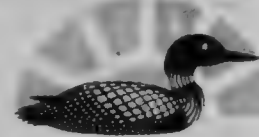
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Tamblyn weaves poetic spell in Carnarvon

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Ian Tamblyn said he was glad to be in Carnarvon on the weekend of the Grey Cup.

"Sometimes the people in Ottawa get a little anal-retentive," he said about the place he lives. A local pub, not too far away from the football stadium where the Ottawa and British Columbia teams were going to go at it, was going to be guarded by two police officers to make sure the bar didn't allow one more football fan than its liquor licence allotted. "Can you imagine some guy who's come all the way from Calgary to see the game being told he's not allowed in the pub? I want to thank you guys for allowing me to be out of town."

Someone in the crowd hollered, "In Carnarvon!"

"In Carnarvon," he said with a grin.

Tamblyn may live near Canada's capital but if you pay attention to his songs and the stories he tells, he's hardly ever home. In the last few years he's been spending most winters on ships in the Antarctic - entertaining, researching the natural world, taking amazing photographs, seeking adventure. Born and raised in Thunder Bay and now, as he describes himself, "in his dotage" (he's 56), Tamblyn has spent his life travelling, writing folk songs that are stunning in their beauty and simplicity, writing plays, playing music and, most of all, telling stories.

Listening to him in Carnarvon Saturday night, it was hard to say what was more

enjoyable - his beautiful songs or the captivating stories he told between songs. It was just him onstage, wearing a weathered ball cap and faded jeans that had a small hole beginning on the left knee. Him, and three guitars, their finish worn in spots; a wooden flute that evoked the call of loons on warm summer nights; and a hammered dulcimer that created music as sweet and pure as river water in winter. With the dulcimer, a stringed instrument that lays flat and is struck by spoon-like sticks, it is crucial that each string be hit in the precise spot, less a note come across flat. Tamblyn stood and played the instrument with confidence and precision while the audience held its breath, immersed in the clear beauty of the music. He played only three songs on the dulcimer, and it hardly seemed enough. On one, he blended his own slightly low, slightly melancholy voice with the mostly-instrumental song, and the result was only marginally less than stunning.

The dulcimer was a special treat, however. For most of the night it was Tamblyn and his guitars and his stories. Stories about people he has met on his travels, like the woman "I fell in love with for just one day" while he was touring distilleries in Scotland in 2003. The song, Angel's Share, is also the title track on his newest CD, and it's a beauty:

"She's the heart of the highlands,
The queen of the isles
She's the light, after storm, she's the air
And if you get lucky you may come to know her



MARK CHRISTIANO special to Echo

Musican Ian Tamblyn poses for his photo on the stage at the Hair Lounge during his concert located in Carnarvon on Saturday, Nov. 20.

She's got the angel's share."

After Tamblyn wrote the song he e-mailed a copy of it to the woman who inspired it. And she never got back to him. He's not sure why.

In Carnarvon, he told the crowd he'd written the song about a woman but on his website (www.tamblyn.com) he says, Angel's Share refers to the vapours that escape through the oak casks during the maturing process of Scotch whisky. Was it really about the tour guide? Or about the whisky? It's hard to tell - while Tamblyn tells stories like he has his heart on his sleeve, there's also an air of mystery about the man.

Most of the songs on his new CD (and on his older ones, as well) speak of Canada's north, of "the cult of the canoe," of north-

ern winds and, interesting for those of us who call the Highlands home, of Algonquin Park and Tom Thomson. Brush and Paddle is told through Thomson's eyes:

"I come to you alive as any colour
Ever splashed upon a canvas
The promised greens of springtime,
The threatening greys of fall.
Algonquin.

There seems so little time to paint it all."

The people who drove through a heavy November mist on Saturday night to listen to Tamblyn were rewarded with remarkable poetry set to music that matched its spirit, its soul. They were like small children at the knee of a teacher at story time. And the story, it was really, really good.

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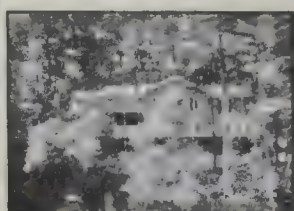
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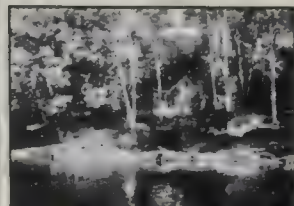
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Finding joy in song

SHERYL LOUCKS

Staff Reporter

John Miller is used to being front and centre after a career of teaching but these days his audience tends to be a bit older.

Miller's rich baritone voice will be showcased during this year's Highland Wind Symphony Christmas Concert on December 5 at the Northern Lights Pavilion at 3 p.m. Last year was the first time the symphony had used a vocalist in the show and was so happy with Miller's performance that they decided to invite him back.

"It was really exciting (last year) singing with the swing band. I find it fun, not intimidating. The Christmas concert is really nice because people know the songs and there's an electricity as you communicate back and forth," says Miller.

Miller says a bit sheepishly that he should have always known his vocal talents were not average. He grew up singing around a piano with his family, who he says were musically minded but not accomplished musicians. His earliest performance he can remember was singing the White Cliffs of Dover for the Eastern Star during World War II.

"I didn't bite on to the fact that I had something a bit special until Nancy[Robichaud] and Melissa[Stephens]," says Miller.

He met his two teachers when his family moved to Haliburton in 1973. He had been living and working in Northern Ontario - he's originally from Kincardine - when he met Doug Devolin, current MP Barry Devolin's father. The senior Devolin was then principal of Haliburton's senior elementary school and convinced Miller to

come work here.

Miller says Haliburton was the farthest north he could get while still being in what is generally known as Ontario's southern end and that suited him just fine.

In the 1970s Bill Gliddon wrote a requiem for Terry Fox and Miller was one of the singers. His talent caught the eye of Robichaud and Stephens.

The duo invited him to perform with them as they played different lodges.

"Performing with them was the key to my singing with new confidence," he says.

Miller says that moving to a small rural community like Haliburton he did not expect that he would find more musical opportunities here than anywhere else he lived. He was always involved in theatre as a student and has fit in different performances over his life but since moving here he became more involved in acting and singing.

His favorite role was as Arthur in Camelot. He says the whole production was excellent and a performance highlight for him. He's also enjoyed his parts as Matthew in Anne of Green Gables, Tommy in Brigadoon amongst other roles. The performing side of his life became more active since his retirement about eight years ago.

Miller says he really enjoyed singing popular love songs, operettas and ballads with Robichaud and Stephens. His wide range of tastes also takes in Dixieland and Big Band music. Some of his favorite performers are Harry Bellefonte, Pavarotti, Tony Bennett and Frank Sinatra.

He is currently dreaming of becoming more proficient on the piano. He describes the up-coming Christmas concert as a "real treat" for him but the audience is sure to be treated to an exceptional performance.



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John Miller looks back, remembering he started with a performance of the White Cliffs of Dover for the Eastern Star during Second World War.

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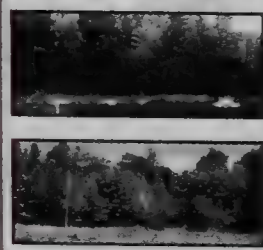
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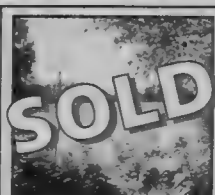
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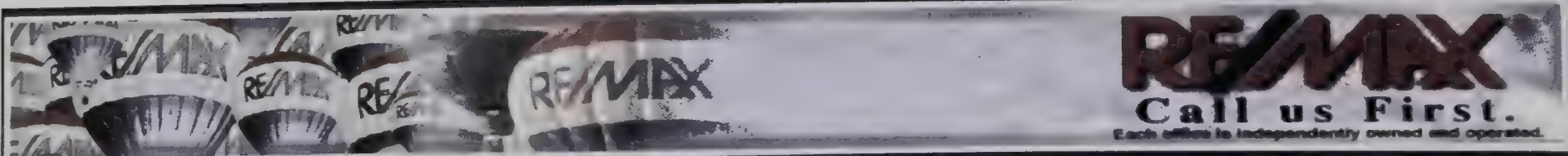
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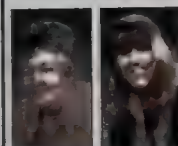
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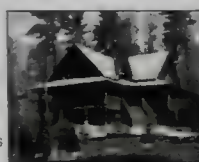


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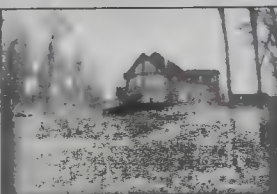


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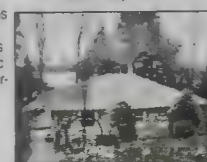
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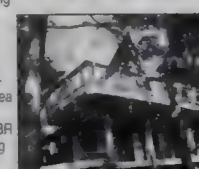


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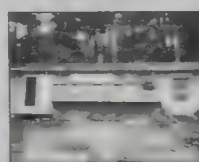


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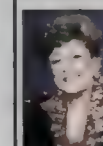
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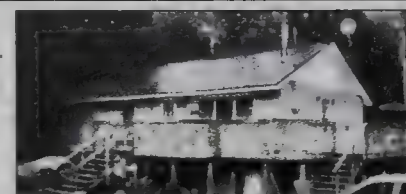


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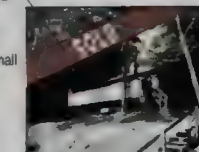


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The silhouette of Prague



Students marched here, along the banks of the Vltava river, demanding an end to communist rule. Soon hereafter they would be intercepted by Czech police. The ensuing beatings prompted weeks of nation wide peaceful protest that today is known as the Velvet Revolution.

How has 15 years of freedom altered the Czech soul?

Story, photos by Lance Crossley

"Today Prague, tomorrow the country"

— A refrain chanted by demonstrators during the first days of the Velvet Revolution.

It started with a group of about 2,000 protesters, the majority of whom were students, but included in the crowd were a few elderly men and women, walking alongside parents who had brought their children. The public gathering started about five kilometres from the centre of Prague, and was only begrudgingly allowed by the totalitarian regime because it professed to mark the 50th anniversary of when the Nazis closed down the state's universities. The commemoration rapidly reorganized into a political protest, with the crowd calling for the removal of Milos Jakes,

the Communist Party leader.

Attempting to bring the demonstration to Wenceslas Square, they marched along the Vltava River with banners that called for a free republic. As they passed along Narodni Trida, not far from the stately beauty of National Theatre, hundreds of police wearing white helmets and bearing transparent shields intercepted their path. The Czechs sang songs, lit candles, and presented the police with flowers. The police refused the offering and charged the crowd at 8:40 of that evening, November 17th.

Over loud hailer, authorities ordered the demonstrators to go home, to which they replied "Vaclavske Namesti je doma" —Wenceslas Square is home.

Ambulance sirens

echoed in

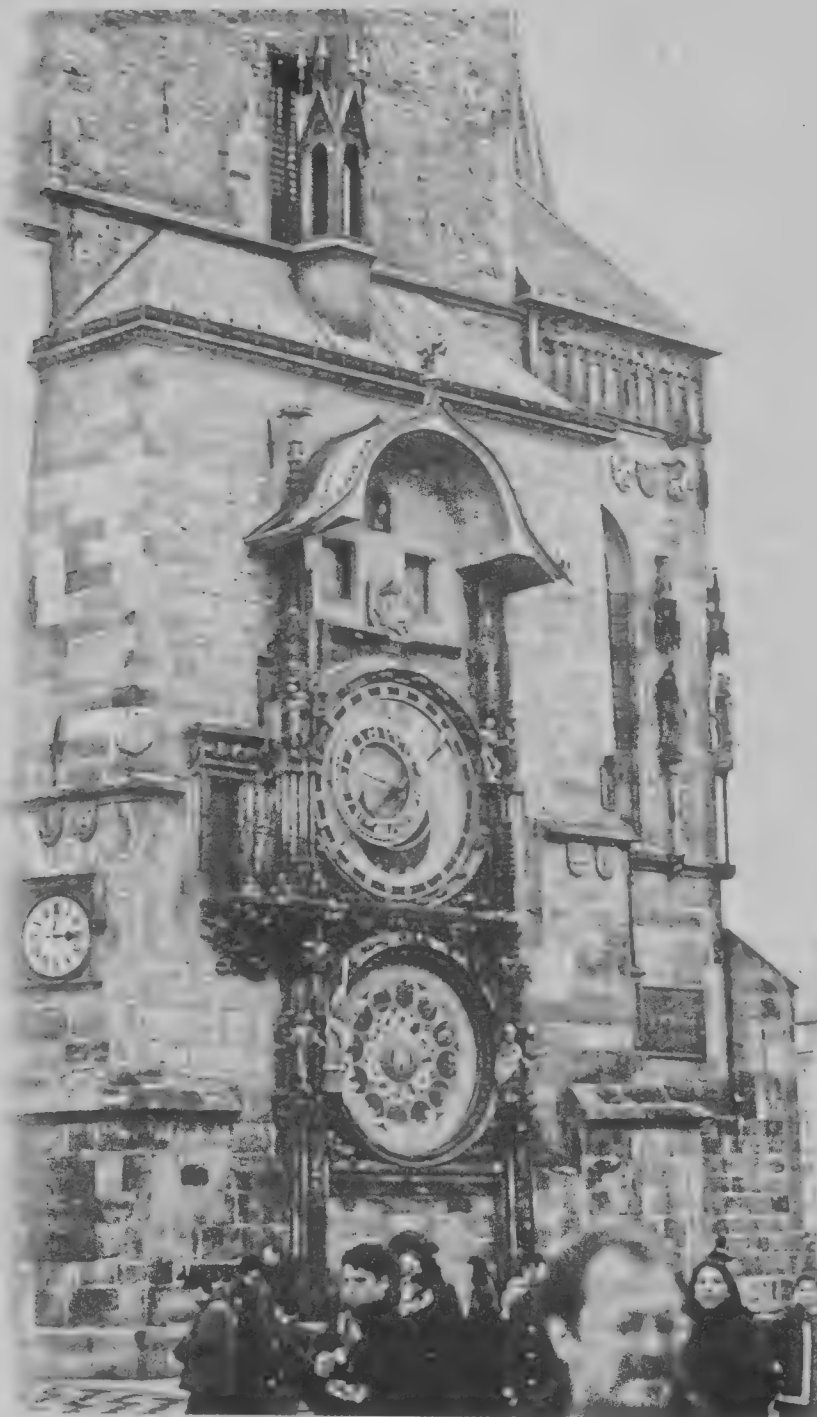
the streets, blood stains littered the cobblestone, and students could be seen hobbling from the beatings. The melees continued on throughout the night.

Less than 72 hours thereafter, tens of thousands gathered at the feet of St. Wenceslas demanding an end to communist rule. The day after that it multiplied into hundreds of thousands, which in turn multiplied into millions from across the nation. The chant of "Today Prague, tomorrow the country" resonated now more as prophecy than possibility.

It has been 15 years since the Velvet Revolution. The city centre no longer bears any trace of Soviet occupation, save that of a few Russian-speaking hot dog vendors. Historical realities that even today's teenagers

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One of the main tourist attractions in Prague is the Astronomical Clock in Old Town Square.

The phrase may be gone but the essence holds true

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were alive to witness seem strangely distant, as if already buried by dust in an old museum. Playwright turned dissident, turned prisoner, turned President Vaclav Havel, is now gone, tending to his health problems in the kinder climate of coastal Portugal. Wenceslas Square has been brightened with trees and restored buildings. The inherent spatial beauty of the square is lined with banks, bars, Dunkin Donuts, and to the immediate right of St. Wenceslas, a McDonalds. Woven into this commercial entity roam drug dealers and pickpockets. Nighttime is marked by prostitutes accosting tourists, and noisy Brits on a weekend getaway deciding where to drink next.

No longer will we hear the refrain of "Today Prague, tomorrow the country", but the essence of what the phrase conveys still holds true: That the fate of the Czech soul is intricately tied to the fate of its capital. And so if Prague is the compass by which the Czech persona orients itself, where is she pointing now, 15 years on from the time her arrow was quivering so impatiently toward freedom?

Acclaimed Czech novelist and former dissident Ivan Klima wrote that Prague's character has been traditionally defined by its, "...unfreedom, the life of servitude, the many ignominious defeats and cruel military occupations." Totalitarianism at least offered a paternal reassurance to the Czech sense of self. It eliminated the risk of having to be responsible for one's decisions. Paradoxically, it also provided the friction necessary for a remarkable literary culture to emerge; one that included the likes of Milan Kundera, Vaclav Havel, Josef Skvorecky, and Bohumil Hrabal.

After the revolution, in the full daylight

of globalization, it was unclear what the implications were for Prague's spirit. In the 1970s, American writer Philip Roth compared America to Communist Czechoslovakia by saying, "There nothing goes, and everything matters. Here everything goes and nothing matters." When things boiled over with the revolution he warned that a democratic, consumer-driven Czechoslovakia would be "bedevilled by a number of new adversaries", except that, "no defiant crowds will ever rally in Wenceslas Square to overthrow its tyranny, nor will any playwright-intellectual be elevated by the outraged masses to redeem the national soul." Roth was worried about an exceptional nation being tranquilized by the free-market and replaced by a cliché culture. With no oppressor to rub up against, how would Czechs discern where the world ended and where they began?

Ironically, yet another foreign invader helped define post-revolution Prague. The allure of a Prague resplendent with fresh dreams beckoned people from all over the world, especially America. Founder and former editor-in-chief of The Prague Post, Alan Levy, hailed Prague as the "Left Bank of the 90s" and said that, "somewhere within each of us, we all know that we are living in a historic place at a historic time."

Rick Jervis, formerly a Prague-based stringer for the Wall Street Journal Europe who now reports for The Chicago Tribune, says that, "The appeal was that Prague was a place that wasn't completely overwhelmed by capitalism, or for that matter, democracy. It was still trying to find its way in the world."

Credulous wanderers, dissatisfied

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"The Cardinal has merely beauty to give, while we have so much more"

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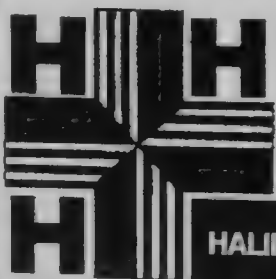
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American suburbans, and would-be Ernest Hemingways flocked to the city. Czechs started to forget Russian and pick up English from their new occupiers. There was a wild west atmosphere that permeated the 90s, a pioneer's mentality that people were standing on the frontier of a cultural renaissance.

Unfortunately, the next Hemingway never came.

"As far as 'the Left Bank of the 90s' goes, I don't feel it has every really materialized," says Jervis, "but it didn't have to. What happened there was pretty special unto itself. The fact that a lot of people went there with high hopes for writing the next great American novel and didn't, and all the reasons for it not happening, are just as interesting and just as important as anything else."

Some say the cultural talent never emerged because it was led astray by the beauty of the locals, the Pilsner, and the drug scene. Others say it never arrived in the first place. Whatever the case, the ex-pat community ended up as a caricature of itself, never evolving past an adolescent stage of cultural integration. And yet the callowness of the ex-pat scene did lend itself to a certain romance. Their very presence helped fill out the complexion of the mythic qualities Prague has long been known for; qualities that Milan Kundera ascribes as,

Cultural talent led astray by the beauty of the locals



Fifteen years ago, hundreds of thousands of Czechs gathered at the feet of St. Wenceslas, the patron saint of Bohemia, demanding an end to totalitarian rule. Inscribed into the statue are the words, "St. Wenceslas, never let us perish, nor those who come after us."

"History seen from below. A genius for the absurd. Humour with infinite pessimism." The attempt at creating another Left Bank may have been clumsy, but it was pure Prague.

While Prague was filling American heads with literary visions, it was intoxicating the minds of Czechs with visions

of darker kind. The crumbled totalitarian structure brought new opportunities for the more rotten among them and – like weeds sprouting through stones – a discernable immoral shade began to materialize in the social order. The hasty privatization of the economy created a climate perfectly ripe for corruption and crony-

ism.

"People in government found a way to sell off the state's assets to friends and colleagues with a kickback return of those assets going into their own bank accounts," says Jervis. The lawlessness of the elite even filtered down into everyday society. Taxis, hotels, and restaurants had long been known for overcharging tourist from the West; but whereas before individuals would charge twice as much, with the Robin Hood justification of living under tyranny, they now would charge three or four times as much simply because they could. The appetite for riches also coincided with a heightened sexual atmosphere and an exploding drug culture in Prague nightlife. The weight of living in a prison for half of the 20th Century turned freedom into an aphrodisiac.

In a 1997 throne speech Havel lamented the "post-Communist morass" that permeated Czech society, conceding that the temptations of the new life "made entirely new demands on individual responsibility – in a measure that many find hard to bear."

Vladimir Hanzel, the man who helped Havel negotiate the transfer of power with the communists and went on to become the President's closest advisor, confesses that the country "was not ready for it at all. It was a shock for me and I think for many others as well. Because at

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the time (prior to the revolution), people thought the Communist regime would last another 30, 50 or more years. It all happened very quickly."

With the rush of the '90s now lessened, the focus has shifted to unemployment and Euroscepticism. A backlash against European Union membership has endowed the Communist Party with almost 20 per cent of the national vote. This is due in large part to unemployment levels that reach 30 per cent in some regions of the country, according to Vladimir Sal, counsellor to the Czech embassy in Ottawa. These problems are expected to wane in accordance with how smoothly the economy adapts within the Union. And as Hanzel is quick to point out, "Freedom outranks these other troubles."

Michaela Langranova was only 13 at the time of the revolution. Yet she can clearly identify the two main sensations that marked that period: joy and the absurd. She remembers being moved by the candles, speeches, and song, but she also recalls little details such as the fumbling incompetence of her teachers who were scrambling to discuss things not related to Marx and Engels. "All of a sudden the revolution changed everything, and they were obviously not prepared for it. Most of them were very confused. That was pretty funny." Langranova is now a spokesperson for the Ministry of Education.

'Spread good humour,' the new battle cry

When I asked Hanzel about his most bizarre memory from 1989, he referred to the negotiations with the Communist Party leaders, especially the newly assigned Party General Secretary Karel Urbanek.

"It was absolutely ridiculous. Because before Urbanek, most party secretary generals were rather strong and sharp men. People were afraid of them. And now here was just this very simple and ordinary man, who was just talking without thinking. He was like a man you would meet in a pub rather than a leader of the main political party."

Whether or not the predecessors to the latter-day Communist elite were any more competent is debatable. What is likely, however, is that Hanzel's astonishment at the inanity of the authorities points to the vivid sense of the absurd that is at the heart of Prague's history.

It was evident in the writings of its most famous citizen, Franz Kafka. It was evident when a bohemian playwright gave his first news conference from his apartment, sipping a beer as he read the names of those in the Communist administration who should resign. It was evident during the revolution in the many ironic signs posted over the city, like when they

placed a necklace on a bust of Stalin that read 'Nothing lasts forever, or when they waved a slogan The battle cry for today: Spread good humour. It was evident when a quarter of a million people in Wenceslas Square put the protest on pause in order to help a ten-year-old boy named Honza find his mother; replacing chants for a democratic society with "Long Live Honza". And it is evident even today in consumer-driven Prague.

Last summer, two Czech film students launched a massive television and radio campaign that convinced more than a thousand would-be shoppers to turn up for a grand opening of yet another Czech hypermarket (the Czechs have become well known for their obsession over this kind of shopping). When hopeful shoppers congregated at Letnany Park, they found only a naked field with a banner flapping in the wind reading "The Czech Dream". The Economist recently ran a story marvelling how the anger of the crowd was swiftly replaced by "a public debate as to with whom the responsibility for the hoax should lie - with those who devised it, or with those who allow themselves to be taken in by it."

This past spring marked the Czech Republic's official inauguration into the

European Union, putting to rest any notion that this is the "Wild East" where anything goes. Just one month before the monumental accession, Alan Levy, the ex-pat patriarch of Prague, died after a brief fight with cancer. Levy's death prompted people such as Alexander Zaitchik - former editor of the ex-pat publication Think - to declare that Prague was now officially "over".

What that deeper reality consists of is anybody's guess. Fifteen years removed from the totalitarian era, Czechs may now be in a position to grasp just how deeply totalitarianism had marked their souls. Perhaps only now, nestled in the bosom of the European Union, with the shock of freedom sufficiently absorbed, is it safe to stare at the past and have a good cry: To grieve for what was by in large a lost century for many Czechs, for the innumerable ways communism failed them as a people, for the humiliating crouch they spent half the 20th Century in, and for the accompanying dull pain that has since departed, hopefully, for good.

Vaclav Havel once said to his nation, "Identity is an expression of responsibility." And even though the composition of that identity remains slippery, the responsibility for it will undoubtedly emerge from the cryptic silhouette of its beating heart.

Lance Crossley is a reporter with the *Minden Times*. He spent almost a year in Prague where he was a frequent contributor to *The Prague Post*.

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Dumb and dumber

Smoking or chewing tobacco is just dumb and dumber. This year's Breathe Clean Committee hopes to eliminate smokers at the school through a campaign that includes student surveys, colourful bulletin boards, contests, guest appearances from the Kawartha Pine Ridge District Health Unit, weekly announcements and a smoke free day expected for spring to coincide with national campaign against smoking. (l-r) Committee Chair Hawley Smith, with members, from Grades 9 - 12, Marcus Hewitt, Dann Van Nood, Meagan Bataovanja-Deanovic, and Brittany Doran stand with HHSS Vice-Principal and program organizer Irv Sternberg. Started five years ago with the aim of reducing the smoking population, the committee has successfully seen a dramatic decrease from 150 to 50 (information compiled from a survey). The committee will specifically target Grade 9s.

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Sometimes musicians and artists tend to live a solitary life; however, that is not Andy's style. He gets himself involved in community life throughout the County of Haliburton.

Andy and his family have been in the Harcourt area since about 1971 and his family owns and operates the Sandy Acres 4 Season Resort. Throughout the years, Andy has made many beautiful

welcome signs for numerous villages – Haliburton, Harcourt, Wilberforce and Gooderham to name just a few. We are very proud of the mural he painted on the Harcourt Community Centre wall depicting a scene from the county's early

days when the IB & O railway linked the eastern portions of Haliburton County to the Ottawa Valley. He created the Stargazer Skymap at Haliburton Forest. He designed and handcrafted a giant lumberjack at work at the

Algonquin Highlands municipal office near Carnarvon. He painted a most spectacular painting of a dragon-fly which was presented to Pat and Chuck Potter at the 2004 Central Ontario Environmental Award Winners. He also crafted the Norse wolf legend plaque that Michael Barnes presented to Peter Schleifenbaum. He has composed various musical pieces and plays guitar with our local band, "Timber Tom and the Cross Cuts." I am sure the list is far more extensive than this, however this is just a little of who Andy Hillo is.

Andy can be truly described as a modern Renaissance man. Andy is a young man who gives us a rebirth of cultural

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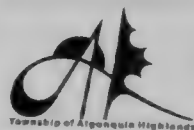
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He spoke with enthusiasm as he outlined the many "specials" they have to offer - "All You Can Eat Fish & Chips" on Fridays starting at 4 p.m., "All You Can Eat Brunch" on Sundays from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., "All You Can Eat Roast Beef" on Sunday evenings starting at 4 p.m. Looking for a great place to have your staff Christmas Dinner just call 448-2322 and ask about their Christmas Supper Special for groups of 18 people or more. Good food + fantastic atmosphere = South Algonquin Cook House in

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The Word of Life Outreach in Highland Grove continues to grow and they have some very exciting news to share. The building is now officially their own and they are there to stay! Many lives have been touched by incalculable community benevolence and outstanding loving-kindness. To say thank you for all the great support, the Word of Life Clothing Outreach of Highland Grove will host a Spaghetti Dinner at the Lloyd Watson Centre, in Wilberforce on November 27. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. followed by a Gospel Sing Along. There will be a number of guests at this great function who are looking forward to sharing information on more community programs that are available to everyone. Come out to meet new friends, have a great dinner and learn more about your community. All are welcome to this great evening. Free will donation to cover cost of spaghetti dinner cost.

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The Loop Santa Claus Parade and Christmas Party are fast approaching. Time to get thinking about being in the

parade. Participants meet at noon at the Wilberforce Elementary School on December 12 and will form the procession that welcomes the arrival of Santa Claus.

Again this year, all children ages 10 years and younger are welcome to come to the Lloyd Watson Centre to have a visit with Santa Claus and receive a gift. For more information regarding the parade, please call Lynn Waugh at 448-3674 and for further information regarding the Children's Christmas Party please call Valerie Smith 448-3640.

Don't Forget Harcourt Community Centre continues to offer:

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Zone convention in Woodville

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Gerald Irish

Sixteen of our Branch and Ladies Auxiliary members attended a Zone Convention in Woodville on the 24th of October. Your branch had the most people in attendance.

All of the pre-Remembrance Day planning and work sessions paid off. The Poppy Campaign was a great success. Both Remembrance Day Services were well attended and approximately 100 members and guests enjoyed a fantastic dinner on that evening.

On November 13 this branch entertained a group from Cobourg. Executive and other members were there to greet them and make them feel welcome. A fun time was had by all.

On December 18 we will be having a Christmas Party for our members and guests in the Club Room starting at 4 p.m. and going until closing. A buffet style dinner will be set out and there will be music, dancing, fun and games. We would appreciate it if everyone who attends could bring along a non-perishable food item or a child's toy. In this way you can have fun and help others have a Merry Christmas.

Ten of your executive will be taking the Smart Serve Course so they can offer volunteer assistance. In this way we can reduce some of our costs. Yes, the rumours are true. Due to popular demand your Legion, Branch 129, will be restarting the Sunday Brunches in the new year. We do need volunteer workers. If you can help us in any way, please call Joan or Gerry at 457-2346 and volunteer. We will need cooks, cleaners, servers, ticket sellers, and more.

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Position Summary:

Under the general direction of the Victim Services Board of Directors, the Executive Director is responsible for the operation of the 24 hr Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services serving the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County. Accomplished by effectively managing and monitoring the delivery of the program and supporting the enhancement of social justice through providing direct assistance to victims of crime, tragic circumstance and or disaster referred to the service by police, emergency services, and community agencies. Ensuring the adherence to applicable legislation, regulation, policies procedures in accordance with ministerial guidelines and policies of Kawartha/Haliburton Victim Services.

The Executive Director is required to represent the organization to police, emergency services, community agencies and the community at large. This position requires an energetic individual who posse's excellent communication skills and the ability to deal with high stress, and crisis incidents.

Note: Successful candidate required to wear an on call pager, possess a reliable vehicle, valid driver's license, vehicle insurance and up to date CPIC check.

Detailed job description available by e mailing vcars@nexicom.net or call 1 800 574-4401, 705 454-1884.

Deadline: Applications must be received by December 15, 2004.
Only applications selected for an interview will be contacted.

Please forward applications to:

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Legion winners

The Wilberforce Elementary School students were honoured for their visual and literary efforts by the Wilberforce Royal Canadian Legion from the Remembrance Day poetry and poster contest. (left - right, front - back) Legion President Bonnie Jessup presents Phedra Vajda, 1st Grades 1 - 3 B & W poster, Rebecca Anderson 2nd Grades 1 - 3 B & W poster, Robbie Mulley 1st Grades 1 - 3 colour poster, Tyler Mathna 3rd Grades 1 - 3 colour poster, Kelsey Maracle, 2nd Grades 1 - 3 colour poster, Isaac Drain, 1st in Poetry, Erik Hayes, 3rd for B & W poster Grades 4 - 6, Colbeigh Alysworth, 1st colour poster Grades 4 - 6, Patricia Savard 3rd Grades 1 - 3 B & W poster, Cassandra Wingrove 3rd Grades 4 - 6 colour poster, Andrea Way 2nd Grades 4 - 6 colour poster, Emina McNeal 1st Grades 4 - 6 B & W poster, and Alyssa London 2nd Grades 4 - 6 B & W poster with certificates. Legion Sgt. at Arms Len Crawford was also on hand for the assembly. Winners will compete in the zone competition.



County of Haliburton Roads Department

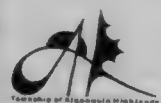
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CLOSING DATE FOR BIDS:
December 1, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. local time.
Highest or any bid not necessarily accepted.



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held **Monday December 13th, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, these Applications for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

- File No. H-096/04
Applicant: PALMER & BLASK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 20, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Relinquishment of a Right-of-way
- File No. H-097/04
Applicant: J. Ronald GRILLS
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 20, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Right-of-way
- File No. H-108/04
Applicant: 1109458 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lots 14 & 15, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: Lot Addition
- File No. H-118/04
Applicant: PALMER & BLASK INC.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 19, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Sherborne
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way
- File No. H-136/04
Applicant: PETER CURRY HOLDINGS LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 12, Concessions 8 & 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Easement
- File No. H-137/04
Applicant: 1135957 ONTARIO LTD.
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 12, Concessions 8 & 9, Geographic Township of Dysart
Nature of the Application: Easement
- File No. H-139/04
Applicant: William & Thea Patterson
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 18, Concession 5, Geographic Township of Guilford
Nature of the Application: New Lot & Right-of-way

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 23rd day of November, 2004.

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.
Development Services Coordinator/Planner
County of Haliburton
11 Newcastle Street
P. O. 399
Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0
Telephone: (705) 286-1333, Ext. 222
Fax: (705) 286-4829

Don't sit like this!

Physiotherapist Barbara Rimmer from The Arthritis Society shows how not to sit at the Haliburton Hospital's osteoarthritis workshop. Participants were provided informational booklets and demonstrations on various exercises and physical tips. Osteoarthritis is the most common kind of arthritis and affects eight out of 10 people aged 70 and older. Currently there is not a cure, but there are coping mechanisms available. Common symptoms are pains near or at a joint, stiff feelings, or the inability to move a joint and less common is swelling. The next workshop is expected in spring, but pre-registration is required so to book or for additional information phone the hospital and use ext. 226 to reach the coordinator Maureen Hunt.



DARREN LUM/Echo



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING TO CONSIDER AN APPLICATION TO PURCHASE ROAD ALLOWANCE MUNICIPALITY OF DYSART ET AL

DATE: December 13th, 2004
TIME: any person who wishes to address Council should contact the Planning Department for a delegation time.

LOCATION: Council Chambers, Municipal Office, Haliburton, Ontario.

APPLICATIONS:

The Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al has by resolution declared the following parcels of land to be surplus. These parcels of land are parts of original road allowances, allowances for road or shoreline road allowances, located in the Municipality of Dysart et al, in the County of Haliburton.

- Applicant:** Brown/Owen/McClean/Dracup/Cuff/Cargoe/Harvie/Tomlin and Scott
Location: Fishtail Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 16, Concessions 8 and 9, Township of Harcourt.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 11 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by C.T. Strongman, O.L.S., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Halminen
Location: Kennisis Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 3, Concession 3, Township of Havelock.
 - Defined as Parts 1, 2 and 3 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department.
- Applicant:** Macleod
Location: Kennisis Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 18, Concession 4, Township of Havelock.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department
- Applicant:** Montle/Snyman
Location: Bitter Lake

 - Shoreline Road Allowance
 - Part of the Shoreline Road Allowance In Front of Lot 17, Concession 10, Township of Guilford.
 - Defined as Parts 1 and 2 on a preliminary plan of survey, prepared by Paul Wilson Surveying Ltd., being available for review in the Planning Department
- Applicant:** Dysart et al
Location: Haliburton

 - Road Allowance on Registered Plan 525
 - Part of the Road Allowance for Dean Court, In Lot 19, Concession 7, Township of Dysart.
 - Defined as Parts 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 on Plan 19R-263, prepared by H.C.Bishop, OLS, being available for review in the Planning Department

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al proposes to consider and if deemed appropriate enact at its meeting as noted above, a by-law to close, stop-up and convey the portions of road allowance described above.

BEFORE PASSING the said by-law, the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al shall at its meeting to be held as noted above, hear in person or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be affected by the said by-law.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available for review from the Planning Department at the Municipal Office during regular offices hours (9:00 am. to 5:00 pm. Monday to Friday).

DATED at the Township of Dysart, this 17th day of November, 2004.

Patricia E. Martin
M.C.I.P., R.P.P.
Municipal Planner

Enjoy Gospel with spaghetti

It is good to know that Mr. Charles Hughes is finally recovering at home after several weeks in hospital in Peterborough. Complications after first surgery resulted in second surgery and much time in intensive care. Charles is wished a complete return to good health very soon.

There will be a Spaghetti Supper and Gospel Sing at the Lloyd Watson Centre this Saturday evening November 27 beginning at 5 p.m. It is presented by the

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Hilda Clark
448-2018

Word of Life Church people who operate the "nearly new" clothing centre in Highland Grove. though there is no charge for this event, donations are welcome.

Among other upcoming events is the Santa's

Workshop Christmas Craft Sale on Saturday, December 4 at the L.W.M. Centre from 9 to 3. This is a project of the Wilberforce Pathfinders.

The Wilberforce Writers' Circle will meet for the second time at the Outpost Historic House on Thurs., Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. Writers welcome.

The Christmas Open House at the Outpost is scheduled for Thurs., Dec. 9. Afternoon time is 1 to 4 and evening hours are 7 to 9. The Guides and Pathfinders are again going to be on hand in the evening for carol singing. Enjoy a visit to our National Historic Site while it is all spruced up with many natural Christmas decorations.

What a treat to attend the National Ballet of Canada's presentation of "Giselle" at the Hummingbird Centre in Toronto last weekend. This classic ballet has been in the National Ballet's repertoire since the company was founded in 1951. Giselle was originally premiered in Paris on June 28, 1841.

Giselle, considered the Hamlet of ballet, allows the dancer portraying her to dance joyfully as the carefree peasant girl, as the grief stricken betrayed girl dance is a frenzy of madness ending in her death, and finally as her spirit.

What wonderful dancing by the Corps de Ballet members in Act 2. There in the moonlit glade by her grave the forest is haunted by Wilis (pronounced will-eez), spirits of betrothed girls that in life were betrayed as Giselle was by faithless lovers. These vengeful Wilis manage to cause the death of one of Giselle's suitors, but Giselle manages to save Albrecht from dancing himself to death.

We were delighted with the dancing of Sonia Rodriguez as Giselle, the newly promoted Nehemiah Kish as Albrecht and Rebekah Rimsay as the demanding Myrtha, Queen of the Wilis. Those wilis really did give the audience "the wilis".

To advertise here, call 457-1037



SHERYL LOUCKS/ECHO

Happy 102nd!

Delilah Fielder celebrated her 102 birthday at Haliburton Extendicare with her daughter Pat Bradburn of Minden. Fielder was born in Coboconk and has lived at Extendicare since 1996. She remains in good spirits with her sense of humour in tact and is well known for being a tough card player to beat. Family and friends were on hand to celebrate the milestone of a birthday.

Many happy moments at Brianna's bridal shower

The happy occasion of Brianna Hewitt's bridal shower on Nov. 14 saw many friends and relatives of the bride's gathered at the Centre. Brianna received many lovely and useful gifts and everyone enjoyed the refreshments as well.

The groom's Michael Pocket. The wedding is to take place on Nov. 27 at Lakeside Baptist Church.

What began as Merrie Barry's Log

Cabin enterprise is now Cottage Country Log Cabin and is operated by Stephen and Patricia Tomiuk. The restaurant section's now renovated into made display and for clothing and gifts of many kinds.

Eleanor Cooper
754-2388

Sandy Griffiths of the Corner Café reports a great week in Cloverdale, B.C. with her son Alex and his wife Debra.

Sandy enjoyed seeing bird sanctuaries and a ride in a cable car up Grouse Mountain.

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Assessment update cancelled

Changes to Ontario's property assessment system, announced earlier this year in the provincial budget, means that the 2004 province-wide assessment update has been cancelled.

As a result, Property Assessment Notices will be sent this fall only to those properties where changes have been made since the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) issued notices last year.

"Approximately one million owners will receive a notice if their property has undergone a change since the last assessment update," said Carl Isenburg, administrative officer of MPAC. Notices are also sent to reflect changes resulting from property sales, Requests for Reconsideration and Assessment Review Board adjustments, name changes, changes in property classification, and school support changes.

For those properties where there have been no changes since the last assessment update, the assessed value that MPAC established in 2003 will remain in effect for taxation in 2005.

Assessments are based on the estimated selling price of a property, essentially

the amount of money a willing buyer would give to a willing seller for the purchase of their property. These 'current value assessments' reflect the local real estate market as of the June 30, 2003 valuation date (the common date by which all Ontario properties are assessed). Property assessments will be used by local municipalities to calculate the municipal portion of property taxes and by the Province to calculate the education portion for the 2005 taxation year.

The changes announced by the Ontario government also include changing the valuation date from June 30 to January 1 of the year prior to the taxation year. Assessed values updated to January 1, 2005 will be used by municipalities and the Province to determine property and education taxes, respectively, for the 2006 taxation year.

Property owners who have questions about their Property Assessment Notice or assessment in general, can visit MPAC's web site at www.mpac.ca or telephone MPAC's Customer Contact Centre, toll free at 1-866-296-MPAC (6722).

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CURRENT EVENTS

- **Nov. 23:** The Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild will be meeting on Tues., Nov. 23rd at Club 35 which is at Halls Lake on Hwy. #35. The door is open from 9:30 to 4 p.m., and this is not a business meeting, but a chance to meet and enjoy each other's crafts. Anyone who wants to join us is welcome to do their particular handcraft. A small door fee is required. Coffee, tea and goodies are supplied.
- **Nov. 25:** Haliburton 50+ Club - welcomes you to join us at the Legion Hall. Please note the date is one week later than usual. This is a non-smoking event. We will be having a Pot-Luck supper with a social evening and guest speaker. Doors open 4:30 p.m., Dinner at 5:30 p.m. New members are welcome. Please remember to bring your favourite dish for your pot-luck contribution. Please let Jim or Ruth know by Tues., Nov. 23, 457-2124.
- **Nov. 27:** Extendicare - Sat., Nov. 27, 10-2 p.m. Our annual Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale. Donations of baking, home-made craft, knitted goods and White Elephant would be greatly appreciated.
- **Nov. 27:** Christmas Craft & Bake Sale - Nov. 27, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Ontario Early Years Centre (Minden Location). Stop in before the Santa Claus Parade for craft items, baked goods and hot chocolate. Donations appreciated? Call 286-1770 for info.
- **Nov. 27:** Christmas Craft and Bake Sale - Gooderham United Church. Sat. 27, 9-2 p.m. Eat Lunch here.
- **Nov. 30:** Tickets are now on sale for the Haliburton County Home Support Christmas Luncheons. Haliburton Lunch is on November 30 at the Haliburton Legion and the Minden lunch is on December 1st at the United Church. Call 457-2941 for tickets.
- **Dec. 4:** Santa's Workshop - Craft Sale and Flea Market. Sat., Dec. 4, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce. Snack Bar available. Silent Auction. For more info call Kathy Rogers at 448-2419. Vendors are welcome.
- **Dec. 6:** The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers are now holding their meetings at the Minden Legion, Hwy. 35. Monday, Dec. 6. Rug hooking demonstrations and instructions will be available. Call Elaine at 286-2035 or Peggy at 286-3387.
- **Dec. 8:** The Algonquin Highlands Writing Circle, which meets on the second and fourth Saturday mornings of each month at Club 35 in Halls Lake, is sponsoring the first annual "Writers' Christmas" dinner and readings on Dec. 8 at Heather Lodge. Enjoy Christmas writings along with a glass of wine and a traditional turkey dinner. Tickets (pre-purchase only) may be obtained from Kay Millard at 286-6635. Further info, including a request to read, may be obtained from Brenda Peddigrew at 489-3509.
- **Dec. 11:** Gooderham Community Christmas Dinner Sat., Dec. 11 at 6:00 at the Community Centre. Only 60 tickets to be sold. May be purchased at the Post Office or call Ron at 447-3092 or Elva at 447-2977. Sponsored by the Gooderham Community Action Group.
- **Dec. 21:** The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group will not be meeting tonight. We wish all a merry Xmas and a happy holiday season. Our next meeting is January 18/05 at 7 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge, Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home. For info, please contact Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699.

ON GOING EVENTS

- **Want to get acquainted with the Internet?** Need help finding your favourite topic on-line? Book an Internet appointment at the Dorset Recreation Centre! The Community Access Program's Internet facilitator is available to assist you Tuesdays 9-5, Wednesdays 9-5, and Saturdays 10-4. Call (705) 766-9968 or E-mail drc@vianet.on.ca and get surfin'!
- **TOPS** (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) meets on Mondays at the Home Support Office (Halco Mall). Weigh in 9:30 - 10 a.m. followed by a meeting until 11 a.m. For further information please call Donna Medland 754-4464 or Judy Carpenter 489-3027.
- **Haliburton Seniors Club** meet every Thursday at noon at the Haliburton Legion, Br. 129. Sandwiches and goodies. Every 2nd Thursday is Potluck.
- **November** - "A Tribute to Haliburton's Military Service Personnel". This exhibit at the Haliburton Highlands Museum, featuring photographs and artifacts from local resident and the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129, runs through November. Museum hours Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- For the month of November the Holness Yoga Studio "Breathe Easy" is on Tuesdays at 5:45. Gail Holness will be offering free breathing classes. Learn breathing exercises that will help improve your lung capacity and breathing ability. Excellent for anyone who suffers with asthma or shortness of breath. Call Gail for details at 455-9294.
- **The Ontario Early Years Centres** in Haliburton and in Minden will now be open Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop-in for crafts, circle time and fun activities for children ages 0-6. Free toy and book lending library. Call 286-1770 or 457-2989 for more information.
- **Meditation and Qigong** - We gather the first Sunday morning of every month. Qigong is 9:45 - 10:15, Meditation is 10:30 - 11:30. For more info call Lynda Shadbolt at 457-3121.

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavour to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Echo at 457-3275, emailed to editorial@haliburtonecho.on.ca, or brought in to the office. **Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.**
NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands.



Splattered with mud but happy to help, Dwaine Lloyd and Pat Casey of Haliburton manned the drill in the hopes of providing safe, clean drinking water to the villagers of Canales, Guatemala.

It was a muddy job; thank God the Eh! Team was there to do it

MARTHA PERKINS

Editor

IN EARLY NOVEMBER, a group of eight volunteers from Haliburton left the comfort of their own homes to travel to Canales, a village in Guatemala where there is no electricity or running water.

Dubbed "The Eh! Team", they were the first all-Canadian contingent of Living Water, a Christian organization dedicated to providing safe, clean drinking water in communities around the globe.

It was literally a dirty job but they were happy to do it. The drill splattered soft mud all over them as they drilled deeper and deeper into the ground. At 40 feet the drill hit rock. With the help of team member Pat Casey, whose family owns Dyna-Con, the local blasting company, they found a way to keep on drilling. Working from six in the morning till 10 at night for two days straight, they drilled down to 80 feet.

Alas it was to no avail. The group – Barry Hart and Heather Alloway, Anthony and Juliane vanLieshout, Dwaine and Lori Lloyd, John Beachli and Casey – had to leave without the satisfaction of seeing the water come up from the new well.

"Time ran out," says group leader Barry Hart, who has been on several other working holidays with Living Water.

Living Water will not give up on the project, however. Other groups will go until the village has a source of clean water.

It was a moving experience for all the local volunteers. Especially poignant was a service they held on November 11 in honour of Remembrance Day. Everyone in the village stopped for a minute of silence after the reading of In Flanders Field.

The villagers' deep faith was a testi-



Scorpions run in and out of the village's only well.

mony to the important role that the church plays in Guatemala, and how it helps them overcome the most difficult of living conditions.

"They don't come running up to you and say, 'Thank you, gringos.' They looked up to the skies and said, 'Gracious, Seigneur,'" Hart says. "It's exciting to be an answer to their prayers."

The group also presented each of the villagers with a special gift bag of necessities donated and packed by Lakeside Baptist Church.

Hart would like to organize two local expeditions a year. If you would like to sign up for a future Living Water drilling trip, call him at 457-5272. The cost is \$3,000 per person, which includes flight, accommodation, a day's training in Houston, Texas, food and inoculations.



Living conditions are as rudimentary as the water supply. There is no electricity in the village. Photos shared by Barry Hart.



These three women are smiling even though their kitchen lacks all the conveniences Canadians take for granted.



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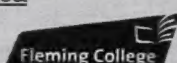
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270 HEALTH & FITNESS

STEP IT FITNESS Fall Session Aug.
31 to Dec. 2. Cardio, Toning, Stretch.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday - Pilates.
Certified Instructors. Call 457-1052,
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290 COMING EVENTS

Haliburton
**LEGION
BINGO**

Every Wednesday
EARLY BIRD • 50/50 SPLIT
7:00pm sharp
REGULAR GAMES \$50
7:15pm
**JACKPOT
\$400.00**
NIGHT OWL • 50/50 SPLIT

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290 COMING EVENTS

**ACW CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON & BAKE TABLE**
Wednesday, November 24
St. George's Anglican Church
11:30 - 1:30 p.m.
Soup, Sandwiches and Dessert
\$5.00 per person. CA

ARTY PARTY
An invitation to the Creative
Community of Haliburton County
The Arts Council - Haliburton
Highlands invites everyone who is
interested in the arts in Haliburton
County to
attend the Arty Party at the new
campus of Sir Sandford Fleming
College on
**Thursday, November 25th from
5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
It's a potluck dinner and celebration
to give people a chance to gather,
welcome new creative people
to the community and
celebrate the arts.
Questions??
Call Patti at HCDC - 457-3555 or
Jim Blake at 457-5278. CA

EXTENDICARE
Saturday, November 27th
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Our annual
Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale.
Donations of Baking,
Home-made craft,
Knitted goods and
White Elephant ...
would be greatly appreciated. CA

The members of
**ST. GEORGE'S
CANTATA CHOIR**
and guest Readers will be
presenting their Annual
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL of
Readings and Carols
on **Thursday, December 9th,**
7:30 p.m. at
St. George's Anglican Church.
This year's readings will be the
complete and hilarious Christmas
classic by
Barbara Robinson
"THE BEST CHRISTMAS
PAGEANT EVER".
The choir selections and carols will
be upbeat and festive.
Refreshments will follow the
program. Reserved seating tickets
(\$5.00) will be available by mid-
November at the church office,
457-2074,
Master's Book Store or
Perfect Prints.
All money from the sale of tickets
goes to the 4C's food bank.
Although there will be some tickets
available at the door on December
9th, please be advised to purchase
tickets early for preferred seating. CA

Highlands Wind Symphony
**Christmas
Concert**
with special guest
Vocalist John Miller

Sunday December 5th,
2004 3:00pm
Northern Lights
Performing Arts Pavilion
Haliburton, Ontario
Adults \$10.00 Students \$5.00
Family Rate \$20.00
Tickets available at
Master's Book Store - Haliburton
Pharma Save Drugstore - Minden
For information 457-2862

**Put the
Classifieds
to work for you!**

290 COMING EVENTS

**Haliburton County
Home Support Services
Annual
CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEONS**
Join us Tuesday, November 30
at 12:30pm at the Haliburton
Legion for a scrumptious
Turkey dinner with all the
trimmings prepared by Home
Support volunteers and staff.
Entertainment will be provided by
Gord Kidd and Rick Pringle.

Join us Wednesday, December 1
at 12:30pm at the Minden United
Church for a delicious Ham
dinner with all the fixin's prepared
by the UCW. Enjoy the music of
the Gentlemen of Song.
Tickets for either event are
\$12. per person. To purchase
tickets, call 457-2941

7th ANNUAL
**CHRISTMAS
CRAFT
SALE**
**MINDEN ARENA
UPSTAIRS**
DEC. 4 & 5
SAT. 9 - 5
SUN. 10 - 4
FREE ADMISSION
**FOOD BANK DONATION
APPRECIATED**
For more info 286-9995

Looking for the unique
Christmas Gift
Visit...
**PRITCHARD
HOUSE**
Minden
We have Gifts
handmade by
local Artisans
Open Thurs. to Sat.
10:30am to 4:30pm.
Open House
Nov. 20th
Join us for cookies & cider
286-3310

300 ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS - If you
are going south and would like the
peace of mind that your home or cot-
tage will be safe call John at
489-3671. References available.

I'M BACK! Val Chafchick will be
available for sessions at Haliburton
Chiropractic on Monday and Friday
10-4 and Saturday 10-2. Call
457-3500 to book your appointment. CA

MUSIC LESSONS - Piano, Key-
board, Fiddle. Adult or Child. Individ-
ual or Group, Jam Sessions for Musi-
cians. Christmas Gift Packages. Call
489-3661, L. Voycey B.A., Qualified
Teacher.

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able at reasonable rates. Call Bren-
da Harding 754-2581. CA

**ECHO
457-1037**

350 WEDDINGS/ ANNIVERSARIES

**BRIANNE HEWITT
&
MICHAEL POCKETT**
would like to invite you to join them
at their dance
in celebration of their wedding
**November 27, 2004
8:00 p.m.**
at the Haliburton Legion

400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
AND OTHERS
IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
ALICE PAULINE HALADAY,**
deceased.

All creditors and others having claims
against the Estate of ALICE PAULINE
HALADAY, late of the township of
Dysart, in the County of Haliburton,
who died on or about the 8th day of
September, 2004, are required to file
the particulars of such claims with the
undersigned solicitors for the said Es-
tate on or before the 21st day of De-
cember, 2004.

AND take notice that after the last day
named, the assets of the said Estate,
will be distributed among the persons
hereto entitled having regard only to
the claims of which the Estate
Trustee/Executor for the Estate being
Lloyd Gowie, shall have notice.

DATED at Haliburton, Ontario this
17th day of November, 2004 by BISH-
OP AND ROGERS, Barristers and
Solicitors, P.O. Box 472, Haliburton,
Ontario, K0M 1S0.
Solicitors for the Estate Trustee of the
Estate of Alice Pauline Haladay. CA

440 THANK YOU

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK every-
one who attended or sent a gift for the
one of a kind birthday party at McK-
eck's for my one of a kind brother
Robert (Bomber). Your generosity is
greatly appreciated. A special thanks
to Walt, Karen and your wonderful
staff for all the love and hard work that
went into making this a very special
birthday for Robert. A big thanks to
Rick, Leo, Floyd and Callum for pro-
viding everyone with the great tunes.
Thank You Keith.

WE WOULD LIKE TO extend our sin-
cere thanks to the two young ladies
from Haliburton who stopped and as-
sisted us after our accident with the
deer Tuesday, November 16. Your
help and kindness was much appre-
ciated. Thanks also to the prompt re-
sponse from the Ambulance atten-
dants, Police Officer and Firemen who
helped us. **Velma and Lloyd Stiver.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

BILLINGS, EILEEN - In loving mem-
ory of my dear mother who passed
away Nov. 25, 1995.
Sheltered by the Rock of Ages,
Anchored on the Golden Shore,
In the perfect love of Jesus
She is safe for evermore.
Lovingly remembered by Wren.

BILLINGS, NORA - In loving mem-
ory of a dear mother, grandmother
and great grandmother who passed
away November 16, 2001.
God took her home,
It was his will.
But in our hearts
She liveth still.
Love always **All the Family.**

450 IN MEMORIAM

SCHELL, HELEN - In memory of He-
len Schell.
All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God made them all.
Lovingly remembered by your girls
**Dianne, Delinda, Debbie and their
families.**

WOOLACOTT, LORNE HENRY -
Who passed away Nov. 25, 1998.
Six years have passed since that sad
day.
When one we loved was called away.
Loved in life, honoured in death.
Treasured in memory, one of the best.
Sadly missed by wife Joyce and
family.

460 OBITUARIES

AT REST

VIOLET IRENE DANILKO
Passed away at the Hyland Crest
Senior Citizens Home, Minden on
Wednesday, November 17, 2004.
In her 95th year.

Violet was born on August 26, 1910
and was the first of seven children
born to Bert and Linda Mintz (both pre-
deceased) of Irondale, Ontario. Pre-
deceased by her husband David
Danilko, by her brothers Vern and
Orie, and by her sisters Verma
Spillenaar, and Merian Hayes. She is
survived by her brother Mervin, sister
Olive McPhail, and by many nieces,
nephews and cousins. Friends were
invited to visit the family at the Gor-
don A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127
Main St., Minden on Friday, Novem-
ber 19, 2004 from 7-9 p.m. and at the
Gooderham Pentecostal Church on
Saturday, November 20, 2004 from
10:00 a.m. until the time of the Funeral
Service at 11:00 a.m. Interment was
at the Glamorgan Cemetery. Recep-
tion followed at the Gooderham Pen-
tecostal Church (downstairs). Memo-
rial donations to the Hyland Crest Res-
ident's Council would be appreciated
by the family. CA

WALLING, STEPHEN ELWOOD
(Resident of Extendicare-Haliburton) -
At Extendicare-Haliburton on
Wednesday afternoon, November 17,
2004 in his 94th year. Predeceased
by his two brothers Sidney and Lester
Walling, his sister Ruby Bird and Eve-
line MacDonald (nee Walling). Sur-
vived by his sister-in-law Mary Walling
as well as many loving nieces and
nephews. Stephen was born, raised
and worked on the Family Dairy Farm
located on Head Lake in Haliburton,
then later moved to Woodville for
many years before returning to Ex-
tendicare-Haliburton. Friends called
at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY
FUNERAL HOME, Hwy. #118, Hal-
iburton, Ontario (705) 457-9209 on
Saturday afternoon, November 20,
2004 from 2 o'clock until time of Fu-
neral Service in the Chapel at 3
o'clock. Interment Evergreen Ceme-
tery, Haliburton. As expressions of
sympathy donations to the Heart &
Stroke Foundation of Ontario or the
Canadian Cancer Society would be
appreciated by the family. A Mason-
ic Lodge Service preceded the Fu-
neral Service at 2:30 p.m.. CA

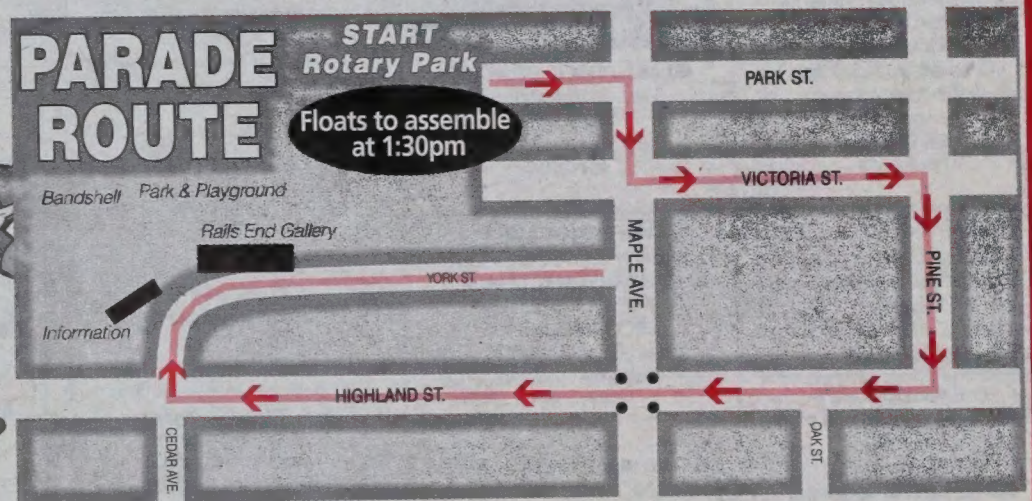
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**THE DEADLINE
FOR CLASSIFIEDS
is
Friday at 5 p.m.**

We Invite You To The Annual

Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade

**Sunday, November 28th
at 2:00pm**



**For Safety's Sake - Please Avoid Parking
Along the Parade Route**

Kids, See Santa! at the Village Square

beside Royal LePage vanLieshout Realty immediately after the parade
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BEFORE
CHRISTMAS
DELIVERY**

**Kids... Bring your letters
to Santa to the mailbox
at Village Square**

